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Amir receives Velayati

KUWAIT, July 10, (Kuna): His Highness the Amir today received visiting Iranian Foreign Minister Dr. Ali Akbar Velayati and the accompanying delegation.

Velayati delivered a message to His Highness from Iranian President Ali Khamenei.

Foreign Ministry Undersecretary Suleiman Majed Al Shabeh and Iranian ambassador to Kuwait, Velayati is the first Iranian foreign minister to visit Kuwait in almost a decade.

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Assad to visit Cairo July 14

CAIRO, July 10, (AP): Syrian President Hafez Al Assad will arrive in Cairo on Saturday for a two-day official visit, his first in 17 years, government officials said today.

He will be returning a two-day visit President Hosni Mubarak made to Damascus, Syria's capital, May 2-3 to seal the end of a bilateral rift of more than 12 years over Egypt's peace with Israel.

The officials, who demanded anonymity, said Assad and Mubarak will have talks in Cairo on Saturday and will travel to the Mediterranean city of Alexandria for further discussions on Sunday before the Syrian leader heads home.

The state-run Middle East News Agency reported that Mubarak will travel to Saudi Arabia on Wednesday for talks with King Fahd and a quick pilgrimage to Islam's holy shrines at Makkah and Medina.

Mubarak and Fahd have been key figures in efforts to heal a breach between Syria and Iraq.

The agency said Mubarak will return home from Saudi Arabia on Thursday.

The government officials said the Mubarak-Assad talks will deal with the stalled Middle East peace process and inter-Arab relations, including the quarrels between Syria on one hand and Iraq and the Palestine Liberation Organisation on the other.

During his visit to Damascus, Mubarak said he would like to end the Syrian-Iraqi feud that had run for more than a decade.

Syria today warned Arab oil states that Israel wanted to control their oil fields as part of what it called its expansionist policy to accommodate a mass influx of Soviet Jews.

'Kuwait security stable'

KUWAIT, July 10, (Kuna): The Minister of Interior Sheikh Salem Al Sabah today said democracy was and is existent in Kuwait since 300 years ago when the Kuwaiti people selected Sheikh Sabah the 1st to run the country's affairs.

In a press conference held for visiting correspondents of foreign and Arab news agencies and newspapers, Sheikh Salem said the Kuwaiti people can say what they want and convey their points of view without any barriers.

The doors of the diwan of His Highness the Amir Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmed and His Highness the Crown Prince and Prime Minister Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah are open for all, Sheikh Salem added.

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DAY BY DAY

APPARENTLY, our story about "bats" infuriated those people who were characterized in the story.

These people have not changed and will not change in their style in addressing facts.

This time, they "bespoke" racism by defining Kuwaitis according to origins.

It is right that those who come from Najd are known to us as also those who come from Zubair (Iraq), including those who come from Eskimoland.

The subject of "bats" who dispense posts to relatives and friends brought out anger in those to whom the phrase: "If the cap fits you wear it" was particularly addressed to.

What we want to tell them is that... every age has its own state and men...

Zahed Matar

Gorbachev re-elected G.P. promises practical support



Gorbachev clenches his fist as he addresses the Soviet Communist Party Congress yesterday. (Reuters wirephoto)

'Dictatorship is madness'

MOSCOW, July 10, (AP): Mikhail S. Gorbachev was re-elected easily on Tuesday as General Secretary of the Soviet Communist Party.

He was endorsed by delegates who at times criticised him, but decided they could not survive without him.

The vote for Gorbachev was 3,411 for and 1,114 against. His opponent, Teimuraz Avaliani, received 501 votes for, and 4,020 votes against.

In Houston, Western leaders on Tuesday praised the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe for moving toward democracy and a market-oriented economy, and promised to help in "practical ways" to encourage further change.

But the leaders continued their second day of discussions on exactly what kind of help to offer the Soviets when they issue the final statement of the 16th economic summit which ends Wednesday.

Gorbachev, rounding angrily on hardline communist critics including some in the military, told the Congress that any thought of imposing dictatorship was madness.

Gorbachev, raised the spectre of a conservative putsch in a fighting speech to convince the Congress it could not turn the clock back on perestroika reforms.

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English clubs back into Europe: Leonard Johansson, the president of UEFA, European soccer's governing body, announced Tuesday that English clubs would be allowed back into European competition after being banned for five years because of supporter violence.

The decision to allow the English clubs to compete in the upcoming cup competitions was taken after three hours discussion by the UEFA executive at a lakeside hotel in Geneva. (UPI)

Khashoggi cleared: The US government on Monday dropped racketeering charges against Adnan Khashoggi, who was acquitted last week of charges he helped former Philippine first lady Imelda Marcos hide her ownership of New York real estate and art.

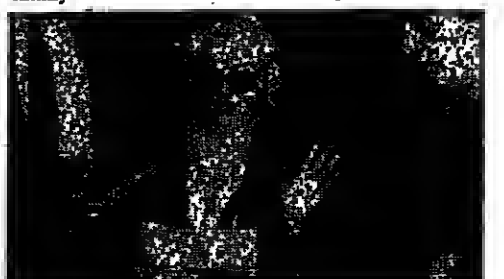
James Linn, attorney for the Saudi arms dealer who was once one of the world's richest men, said the government agreed to drop racketeering charges in return for Khashoggi's agreement not to press claims to any of the New York buildings or art involved in the case. (Reuters)

Bishops to avoid confrontation: Roman Catholic bishops in the Philippines said on Tuesday that they would avoid a confrontation with President Corason Aquino's government over family planning.

Concerned by the renewed emphasis by the

government on promoting family planning, the bishops ended a week-long conference with a strongly-worded statement condemning abortion, contraception and sterilisation.

Billionaires: Forbes listed Kuwait's Al Ghasim family in the over 1 billion dollar category — Page 5



Just like a prayer... honest

American rock star Madonna reads a statement to members of the press on Monday on her arrival at Ciampino airport in Rome. She has invited clerics of the Italian Catholic establishment to watch her show, because they have labelled her shows as blasphemous. (Reuters wirephoto)

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US, Saudis sign \$3-billion deal for Abrams battle tanks

WASHINGTON, July 10, (Kuna): Saudi Arabia has signed an agreement to buy 315 of America's most sophisticated battle tanks, the M-1A2 Abrams, for more than \$3 billion, the Pentagon said.

The deal, announced by defence officials late Monday, means that factory lines for the Abrams production — that were once feared to have to close — will remain open.

The agreement includes support equipment like

tank transporters, spare parts, training, munitions and the construction of maintenance facilities, the Pentagon said in a statement.

The upgraded version of the Abrams sold to Saudi Arabia has a high-velocity 120mm cannon and toughened armour, plus special viewers that allow seeking out targets at night and on the run.

The administration announced it would forcefully pursue the sale on announcing the sale proposal in Nov 1989. Partly as a result, analysts

said, Israel did not do its customary heavy lobbying in efforts to defeat the proposal.

The \$3 billion agreement includes support equipment, spare parts, training, munitions and the construction of maintenance facilities, the Defence Department said.

The M-1A2 version is outfitted with a 120mm gun and toughened armour to protect it against Soviet-produced antitank weapons systems.

Iraqi presidential election this year

We don't have the bomb: Saddam

PARIS, July 10, (Agencies): Iraqi President Saddam Hussein said on French television yesterday that he hoped to hold presidential elections later this year, giving the country, for the first time in its long history, a freely elected leader.

Saddam, in an interview with TF1, denied Iraq had nuclear weapons, but said his country had arms capable of "burning half of Israel" should the Israeli state carry out another attack.

"It is the people who will decide whom to elect, Saddam Hussein or another," the Iraqi leader said. "He who will be chosen by the people will be the best. We believe in the people's choice."

He said he would allow the Western media to cover the elections "so they see for themselves whether they are carried out democratically."

Asked about Iraq's chemical weapons capability and reports that it is building a "super gun," the Iraqi leader said: "It is not a crime, if one considers what is happening in the rest of the world, that a state possesses arms to defend itself. We do exactly what France does to assure its own defence... but the arms we possess are not as efficient as those France has."

Saddam denied reports Iraq was developing a nuclear weapon, but added: "If any Western state wanted to help us build a nuclear arm to compensate for Israel's, we see no inconvenience."

He said Iraq had information Israel was laying the ground-work for another attack. "... If Israel were to attack Iraq or threatened to use the nuclear power it possesses against Iraq, we would have arms capable of burning half of Israel," Saddam said.

Israel, which denies possessing nuclear weapons, attacked an Iraqi nuclear reactor under construction in 1982. Iraq has in the past threatened to use chemical weapons against Israel.

Asked if he aimed to wipe Israel off the map, he said: "We never said that. What we said was that if Israel attacked Iraq, or threatened it with its nuclear weaponry, Iraq had the capacity to scorch half of Israel."

France has been a major arms supplier to Baghdad. But Saddam confirmed French government statements that France was not currently delivering arms to Iraq.

Saddam praised efficiency of French arms compared to other weapons used by Iraq during the eight-year Gulf war and pointed out that France was still abiding by its commitment to agreements supplying Iraq with armaments.

The Iraqi leader hoped that direct talks with Iran would lead to positive results to prevail permanent peace in the region.

2 Kuwaitis among dead

By Diana Abou Halidar
Arab Times staff

THREE pilgrims from Kuwait, two Kuwaitis and a Jordanian, have been identified among the victims of the tragic M'essan tunnel accident in Makkah nine days ago, according to Minister of Public Health, Dr Abdul Wahab Sulaiman Al Fozan.

In his first statement about the accident, Fozan gave the names of the victims as: Mohammed Motlak Al Azimi, a Kuwaiti who went to hajj in his own car; Mohammad Misfer Al Ajmi, a Kuwaiti with Al Busairi caravan; and a Jordanian named Sada, the wife of Ishaq Jaddallah who went with Al Radhan caravan.

The minister also said that Fahia Ali Siraj, an Egyptian pilgrim who went to hajj from Kuwait is missing.

Speaking to reporters yesterday in front of Odalliva Medical Centre

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Women join rebel army

A girl fighter in the Liberian rebel army poses with her forces which are tightening their strangle-hold on the machine gun in Buchanan. Many women joined the rebel capital Monrovia. (Reuters wirephoto)

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Currency Rates

THE Central Bank of Kuwait currency rates against the Kuwaiti dinar on July 10, valued for July 12, 1990.

Currency	Buying	Selling
US dollar	290.530	291.680
Sterling	529.200	532.460
Deutsche mark	176.930	178.070
Swiss franc	209.310	210.320
French franc	652.770	653.130
Italian lire	00034170	00034310
Japanese yen	0019.355	0019.484
Bahraini dinar	770.930	773.890
UAE dirham	079.090	079.430
Saudi riyal	077.440	077.930
Qatari riyal	079.780	080.160
Omani riyal	754.420	757.910

Asian currency exchange rates against Kuwaiti dinar:

Currency	KD	GOLD PRICES	KD
Indian Rs (1,000)	16.700	One kg. 999	3,345.000
Pak. Rs	13.400	One kg. 995	3,350.000
Sri Lankan Rs	7.300	22 kt. per gm.	3,500
Singapore dollar	159.90	21 kt. per gm.	3,450
Hong Kong dollar	37.50	18 kt. per gm.	3,400
Bangladesh taka	9.720	10 iola gold	390.000
Philippine peso	12.690	One ounce gold	110.000

Courtesy: Abdulaziz & Ali Al Yousif Al Muzaini Co.

■ The US dollar weakened against other major currencies in European trading Tuesday, with investors returning to the yen and buying British pounds as well.

Gold prices fell more than \$4 an ounce.

In London, the pound rose by 1 cent to \$1.8155 at the close of the day from Monday's late \$1.8055.

Other late dollar rates compared with late Monday:

- 1.6465 West German marks, down from 1.6495
- 1.3945 Swiss francs, down from 1.3950
- 5.5270 French francs, down from 5.5353
- 1.8555 Dutch guilders, down from 1.8573
- 1.207.00 Italian lire, down from 1.208.50
- 1.1570 Canadian dollars, down from 1.1590.

In Tokyo the dollar lost nearly one yen as it dropped from 150.70 Japanese yen to 149.60 yen. In London Tuesday the dollar was quoted lower at 148.85 yen.

In London, the late bid price of gold was \$354.05 a troy ounce, down from \$358.15 late Monday. The Zurich late bid price was \$353.90, down from \$357.90.

Gold in Hong Kong closed earlier at a bid \$358.25, down from \$359.95.

Silver bullion traded late in London at a bid price of \$4.82 a troy ounce, down from \$4.86.

Ameeri in Jeddah oil talks

NICOSIA, July 10, (Agencies): Kuwaiti Oil Minister Rashid Salem Al Ameeri flew to Saudi Arabia today for talks on oil prices and quotas with other Opec-member Gulf states, the Kuwaiti news agency Kuna reported.

Saudi Arabia Oil Minister Hisham Nazer hosted a meeting for four other counterparts from Opec: heavyweights in the Gulf today to discuss means of arresting the deterioration in oil prices in preparation for the July 25 meeting of the group.

The meeting followed declared instructions from King Fahd to work for the success of the meeting that will be held in Geneva at the end of the month, according to statements issued after the weekly cabinet session a day earlier.

Presmi with Nazer in the Saudi summer capital of Jeddah were Rashid Al Ameeri of Kuwait, Manu Saeed Otaiba of the United Arab Emirates, Sheikh Abdullah Bin Khalifa Al Thani of Qatar and Issam Al Chalabi of Iraq.

The 13-member organisation of petroleum exporting countries has not been able to maintain a lid on the output of member states within the 21.086 million barrel per day aggregate ceiling, and the glut has been pushing prices downward with a threat of an oil price crash similar to the one that occurred in 1986.

The Geneva meeting is to discuss production and pricing strategy for the following period, with reports that it may occupy itself only with the upcoming three months and then reconvene in September.

Opec ministers are "nearing agreement" on a new series of price and production quotas aimed at raising prices despite "the worst oil glut for eight years," according to a report in London today.

Lanka plans major offensive

Tiger leaders order guerrillas to attack Buddhist Sinhalese villages

COLOMBO, July 10. (Reuters) Sri Lankan security forces are preparing a major offensive against Tamil separatist guerrillas as fierce fighting on the Indian Ocean island enters a second month, military sources said today.

More than 900 rebels, security force members and civilians have been killed in the battles since the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam launched their own offensive on June 11.

"Fear of widespread civilian casualties is our main constraint in going all out to crush the Tigers," a military officer said.

He said the security forces had regained the initiative after suffering losses when the Tigers unleashed the first wave of attacks.

Fighting between security forces and guerrillas left at least 10 people dead, including two soldiers and a civilian killed in a rebel ambush in north central Sri Lanka, a senior military official said today.

News of the latest casualties came amid reports that rebel leaders had ordered their cadres to attack Buddhist Sinhalese villages.

"We will press ahead the initiative soon with greater vigour," the officer said, declining to give details.

The security forces have retaken control of towns in Amparai, Batticaloa and Trincomalee in the east. They said they were mopping up and flushing out pockets of rebels still active on the outskirts of some towns.

Most of the Tigers who fought in the east have withdrawn to the jungle where they were reported to be regrouping.

NEWS BRIEF

Monsoon floods: More than 100 people have died in northern and western India in the past week in floods and heavy rains caused by the country's annual monsoon, the Press Trust of India (PTI) reported on Monday.

PTI said the northeastern state of Assam was also under threat of floods from the mighty Brahmaputra river, which was reaching dangerous levels from almost continuous rains.

Flood waters started receding in Gujarat state in the west after killing 38 people, while 46 died in Rajasthan. In Himachal Pradesh in the north, four people died when their houses collapsed from heavy rains, raising to 12 the death toll there, (Reuters)

Electricity fails: A state legislative debate on energy funding was short-circuited by a power failure, a newspaper said Tuesday.

The lights went out in the 320-member Patna state house chamber in Bihar as lawmakers were preparing to set budget allocations for the state's energy ministry, the Times of India said.

The unprecedented 110-minute failure prompted a walkout by members of former prime minister Rajiv Gandhi's Congress Party, the chief opposition party. The debate was postponed in the capital located 900 kilometers (550 miles) east of New Delhi. (AP)

King Birendra gives up: King Birendra on Tuesday gave up the right to issue ordinances, moving Nepal further down the path from absolute mon-

archy toward democracy, a palace announcement said.

Birendra suspended 40 articles and sub-clauses of the constitution on "his own initiative and on the recommendation of the prime minister" to strengthen democracy, the announcement said.

The suspensions ended royal rights to issue ordinances and other structures of the monarchist panchayat government that ruled Nepal for 29 years. (UPI)

Solar-powered race: Under a bright, sunny sky on Monday, 20 solar-powered cars designed and built by college students began a 1,600-mile (2,560-kilometre) race aimed at proving the usefulness of the technology.

The 11-day race is sponsored by the US Department of Energy, the Society of Automotive Engineers and the General Motors company.

"We hope young people will get excited about this race" and that it serves as an incentive for developing solar-powered technology, said GM President Bob Stempel in ceremonies prior to the start. (AP)

'Padding' bomb: Army bomb disposal experts were called in early on Tuesday after railway staff spotted a tin box under a car parked at York station, in northern England.

Police said the soldiers pulled the tin out, blew it up in a controlled explosion, and discovered it had contained a jam roly-poly pudding. (Reuters)

Benazir in Iraq

Seeks support on Kashmir

BAGHDAD, July 10. (AP) Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto of Pakistan began talks today with President Saddam Hussein during a tour of the region aimed at drumming up support for her policy on Kashmir.

Officials accompanying Benazir said she would seek backing for taking up the Kashmir issue at an Islamic foreign ministers' conference in Cairo later this month.

Benazir visited eight Muslim nations earlier this year to seek their support.

Foreign Minister Sahabzada Yaqub Khan and four other ministers are among Benazir's entourage.

Pakistan demands that Indian Kashmiris be allowed to choose their own future through a UN-sponsored plebiscite, but India is adamant that its state of Jammu-Kashmir is part of India.

Most of the Arab countries,



Benazir Bhutto

who have good relations with India, have refrained from giving outright support to Islamabad in the decades-long conflict.

Diplomats in the area said Benazir was told by most Arab leaders that the conflict with New Delhi should be settled through negotiation.

Saddam is expected to expound a similar position.

Military sources said troops had pursued the rebels to the jungle and in the past few days destroyed two heavily fortified hideouts at Kanjikudichi Aru in Amparai district and at Kadaiyapanchan in Trincomalee district.

Troops trying to gain control of the north, where the Tigers are stronger, are meeting stiff resistance, the sources said.

Military analysts said the battle for the northeast region would be drawn out.

The guerrillas are fighting to set up an independent state in the northeast for the minority Tamil community.

Tamils represent 13 per cent of Sri Lanka's 16 million people. They say the government, which is dominated by the Sinhalese majority, has discriminated against Tamils since the island's independence in 1948.

Security forces were taken by surprise when hundreds of Tigers in camouflage battledress began the offensive four weeks ago after 14 months of peace talks with the government.

The rebels attacked more than 10 army camps and overran 30 police stations in the first week. They abducted 600 policemen and seized a large quantity of weapons and ammunition.

Some of the Tigers are boys between the ages of 12 and 15 recruited to the past six months and armed with AK-47 automatic rifles.

Deputy Defence Minister Ranjan Wijeratne, who is in charge of military operations, has dubbed them "the baby brigade."

The rebels also include women, who sometimes fight alongside the men but also act as nurses and cooks.

"The Tigers use landmines, booby traps and other explosive devices to great effect," a military officer said.

"They are experts at making home-made land mines and spraying them on the roads. That has made our advance towards enemy positions slow. Many of our soldiers have had their legs blown off by landmines," he said.

The government had declined to give the number of troops and police pitted against the Tigers.



People gather around body of a Sikh militant killed in a four-hour encounter with police on the outskirts of Lillian village in Kapurthala, Punjab. (Reuters wirephoto)

Mufti appeals for peace in Punjab

'Help end bloody war'

CHANDIGARH, India, July 10. (Reuters) Indian Home Minister Mufti Mohammad Sayeed, who is Sikh, today urged militant groups to stop their bloody war for independence in Punjab so a new state government could be elected.

"We too want a popular government to be elected in Punjab at the earliest which could guide the destiny of the state," he told a news conference in Chandigarh, capital of the northern state, which is going through another surge of killings.

"But elections cannot be held in a situation in which the people either can't vote or have to vote at gunpoint," Sayeed said.

Sikh politicians stepped up their demands for state elections in May after the new Indian government, which came to power in December promising a solution to the decade-old Sikh insurgency, extended central rule for another six months.

Central rule was first imposed in May 1987, but the advent of a new government in New Delhi raised hopes of a solution beginning with state elections.

Instead, the violence in which thousands of people have died increased. Many government officials and security force officers say they believe militants fighting for

an independent homeland stepped up their war to prevent elections.

Sayeed said the onus on preparing for voting on the fractious faction of the Sikh Akali Dal party.

"The political parties will have to play an important role along with the people to stamp out terrorism and bring peace to the state," he said.

"Why are they not appealing to the killers of innocent people to stop their bullets so that elections can take place?"

Last year, about 1,800 people were killed in the militant fight for a homeland they call Khalistan.

This year, police have reported almost as many deaths.

Sayeed repeated Delhi's frequent accusation that Pakistan was arming and training Sikh militants. It also alleges that Islamabad backs Muslim separatists in Kashmir. Pakistan, which has fought three wars with India, denies all the charges.

Sayeed alleged Pakistan was increasing its backing of the Sikh militants and pumping more arms and money into Punjab.

"The Indian government even knows the place in Pakistan where such subversive activities against India are planned and executed," he said.

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Widows divide estate of husband

Married for 28 years but neither wife knew of the other

ANNISTON, Alabama, July 10, (AP): Two women have agreed to divide the \$10-million estate of a husband they unknowingly shared for nearly three decades, according to court documents.

The estate of Harry Glenn Davis, a Calhoun county landowner, included cash, rental property and real estate in Calhoun and Talladega counties, according to 1989 documents unsealed last week at the request of a local newspaper.

Davis was married to Ruth Davis and Flossie Davis for 28 years but neither wife knew of the other until after his death in 1988.

Ruth lived on the couple's Boiling Springs farm near Oxford, in northeast Alabama, while Flossie, one of Davis' former tenants, lived in Tallahassee, Florida.

Davis commuted between the two sites, telling the women he spent weekdays "handling his business interests" in Calhoun county and weekends "gamboling in New Orleans," according to their attorneys.

There were no children from the 51-year marriage between Davis and Ruth. Flossie, who was married to Davis for 28 years, had two children. Harry Glenn Davis Jr and Debbie Anne Davis.

When Davis died at age 76, he apparently left only one heir, Ruth. But a few months later, Flossie filed a 1969 will in which Davis left most of the estate to her and their two children. It provided \$50,000 and a monthly allowance to Ruth.

Ruth's lawyers contested the 1969 will and contended that Davis left the estate to Ruth in a will written in 1959, prior to Flossie's 1969 marriage.

According to court records, circuit judge Harold Quattlebaum said his opinion was that the marriage of Flossie and Davis was null and void because

Davis was legally married to Ruth at the time of the second union.

But the women agreed to share the estate rather than risk getting nothing in the court battle.

Neither received the amount they were seeking. Flossie had filed a claim for \$10 million, and each child sought \$2 million. Ruth had filed a claim for \$40 million.

In the settlement, Flossie was awarded \$360,000 in cash, a \$165,000 promissory note owed to Davis by Williamson Oil Co. and real estate appraised at more than \$600,000. Her children received \$20,000 each.

Americans debate immigration

'Let them come in'

WASHINGTON, July 10, (AP): America, land of immigrants, has long been of two minds about immigration.

On the one hand, people remember their own forebears from other lands, and America's history of welcoming immigrants.

On the other hand, the new immigrant is often resented. When the Irish were pouring into America

by the tens of thousands to avoid famine, public sentiment was against Irish immigration.

When Italians arrived by the boatload to provide the labour supply that transformed the country from an agricultural society into an industrialised society, sentiment was anti-Italian.

When the Chinese settled in San Francisco and became famous for the laundries they operated,

their non-Chinese competitors persuaded the state legislature to require that laundries be built of brick. Somehow, the only laundries prosecuted for working out of wooden buildings were Chinese.

Organised labour, "normally on the liberal side of issues, frequently opposes liberalised immigration. It suspects immigrants will take jobs and take lower wages.

Old guard conservatives also often want to restrict immigration. They say the Western European heritage that is the foundation of the constitution and the culture will be worn away under waves of today's newcomers.

Yet humanitarian instincts exert their own tug. The land of opportunity over the decades has sheltered those yearning to be free.

Coming to America today are Russian Jews and Eastern Europeans who waited for years for the opportunity to leave and risked much by applying to go. Vietnamese who jeopardised their lives to flee home in dangerous boats. Asians who fought in a war supported by the United States.

Let them in, argues a conservative economist, Stephen Moore.

"I see it not that we're doing good for them but that they do good for us," he said.

Moore is executive director of the American Immigration Institute, newly founded to campaign for increased immigration. Its co-chairmen are a conservative, Sen. Rudy Boschwitz, who was born in Berlin, and a liberal, Mayor Raymond Flynn of Boston.

"If America's going to continue to be a first-class economic power, we've got to be able to compete," Moore said. "If an immigrant works 18 hours a day, that's not something to be held against him, that's what capitalism is all about. Work hard and you'll get ahead."

He said the United States now admits about three immigrants per 1,000 residents. At the turn of the century it was 15 per 1,000.

But as a conservative, Moore opposes the \$5,000 given each refugee — but not immigrant — resettling in the United States. He said the money is the seed of welfare mentality. He would substitute low-interest loans.

Refugees locating in California gave four times as high a dependency rate and only half the labour force participation rate as those in Texas, where benefits are less than half as generous," he said in an essay in policy review, published by the conservative think tank Heritage Foundation.

US law distinguishes between immigrants and refugees and between economic refugees and political refugees are judged to have "well-founded fear of persecution" if they were returned to their former country of residence.

Currently, the United States admits about 600,000 people a year, of whom about 100,000 are political refugees. It is sometimes estimated that illegal immigration brings the annual total to one million.

Transplant pioneer Starzl in hospital

PITTSBURGH, Pennsylvania, July 10, (AP): Pioneering transplant surgeon Dr Thomas E. Starzl was in fair condition yesterday at Presbyterian University Hospital after complaining of chest pains, said a hospital spokesman.

Starzl, 64, was admitted Sunday afternoon to the cardiac unit, where he underwent tests on his heart function, said hospital spokesman Frank Racziewicz.

Starzl had a heart catheterisation, a procedure in which a tube is passed through blood vessels to the heart to withdraw blood samples or measure pressures in veins, arteries and the heart's main chambers, said spokeswoman Lisa Rossi.

Starzl, who has no history of heart problems, was alert and resting, Racziewicz said. Starzl helped create one of the world's leading transplant centres at Presbyterian University, which is affiliated with the University of Pittsburgh. In 1967, Starzl performed the world's first successful liver transplant.

Under a broad theory of conversion — the use of Moore's property without his consent — anyone who worked on material that had been derived from the organs of an unconsenting patient could be sued for damages, he said.

PEOPLE AND PLACES

LOS ANGELES: Hockey superstar Wayne Gretzky may be one of the fastest men on ice, but apparently he gets stuck in traffic like everybody else, so he's looking to move closer to work.

Gretzky has put his Encino-area estate on the market for \$3.25 million and is looking for a place closer to the Great Western Forum, which is a dozen miles away in Inglewood.

"He wants to move closer to where he practices," said Asher Dama, who has the listing on Gretzky's home.

The arena is home to Gretzky's Los Angeles Kings. "The great one" has live in the house since joining the team two years ago. (AP)

SEOUL, South Korea: Alarmed over reckless driving and escalating accidents, police say they will file attempted murder charges against a city bus driver and a trucker who failed to heed orders to stop.

In one case, a policeman trying to cite a city bus driver for swerving out of a designated lane had to leap onto the bumper of the bus to escape injury.

Another policeman tried to issue a speeding ticket to a truck driver and the driver roared off with the policeman dangling from the vehicle, police said. (AP)

ROME, Georgia: Maria Maples' mother and aunt are suing the publication National Enquirer, saying the tabloid published unauthorised photographs of the model who was romantically linked to tycoon Donald Trump.

The lawsuit, filed in US District Court, seeks unspecified damages from the weekly paper.

Miss Maples' mother Ann Ogletree, and aunt Pat Locklear, allege that the Enquirer published without their permission photographs taken by the two women. (AP)

NEW YORK: One-fourth of all Americans say they have experienced discrimination at work, and nearly eight in 10 believe some employers practice discrimination in hiring or promotion, according to a poll.

The nation-wide poll of a random sample of 803 adults was conducted by telephone June 12-16 for the National Law Journal and Lexis, a legal research service. The journal reported the results in its July 16 issue, released Sunday.

Of those who reported discrimination, about a third said it had to do with their sex. Another third said it had to do with their race, religion or ethnic background. Most of the rest cited age or a handicap. (AP)

LAS VEGAS, Nevada: Zsa Zsa Gabor has parted with the Rolls Royce she was driving when she had her infamous confrontation with a Beverly Hills policeman.

The 1979 Rolls-Royce Corniche sold for \$90,000 at an auction Sunday.

Gabor sat in the convertible and parted the door affectionately as auctioneer drove up the price Sunday.

"I don't like giving it up," she said after Les Dutton of Boston, Massachusetts, was announced the winning bidder. (AP)

ROME: Criminals holding a 273-year-old Stradivarius violin stolen three years ago are seeking \$2.5 million as ransom, an Italian newspaper reported Monday.

The instrument, once owned by the last Czar of Russia, Nicholas II, is believed to be held by an organised crime gang in Turin, according to the Milan newspaper Corriere Della Sera.



Paddling prosecutor

Peter Lavac, a 42-year-old Hong Kong government prosecutor and former lifesaver from Sydney paddling more than 1,000 kms in 107 hours, arrives in San Francisco Monday to finish the longest ocean crossing on a surf ski from Hong Kong to the Philippines. (Reuters wirephoto)

Anglicans Sheppard may lead

YORK, England, July 10, (Reuters): The Bishop of Liverpool, former England cricketer David Sheppard, has emerged as favourite to succeed Robert Runcie as Archbishop of Canterbury, according to an unofficial church poll published yesterday.

A month ago a top London bookmaker temporarily suspended gambling on the outcome after a run of bets on the bishop of St Albans raised fears of clerical inside information.

A decision on the next archbishop will be taken later this year by Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, who will choose from a short list of two drawn up by a special commission.

The instrument was stolen from French musician Pierre Amoyal in April 1987 when he was in Turin to teach a course of the European Academy of Music, the newspaper said. It was reportedly in the trunk of his car, which was stolen when he went to a shop to buy a pack of cigarettes. (AP)

CASTELLAMARE DI STABIA, Italy: A Mafia hitman stormed a southern Italian apartment and killed three men watching the World Cup final on Sunday but was then shot dead by the gangster he intended to murder.

Police said the target of the assassination bid was probably Alfonso Scignano, 28, who was at home under house arrest on charges of drug trafficking for the Naples-area Mafia.

Scignano disappeared after the shooting leaving behind the bodies of his father, two other friends and a masked gunman at his apartment in Castellamare di Stabia, south of Naples. (Reuters)

SAN FRANCISCO: The Lutheran bishop who filed charges against two churches for hiring homosexual ministers says he supports parishes led by gays and lesbians as long as the preachers do not engage in homosexual sex.

"I found it necessary to file charges because the congregations had violated the

Madonna hits out at critics

Come, watch my show

ROME, July 10, (Reuters): Italo-American megastar Madonna, target of a campaign waged by Italy's Catholic establishment, yesterday invited clerics who have labelled her shows blasphemous to come and watch her perform.

Landing in Rome on a concert tour, the Catholic-bred pop singer whose use of crucifixes and other sacred symbols has aroused the wrath of prominent Catholic bodies, told reporters:

"I am aware the Vatican and some Catholic communities are accusing my show of being sinful and blasphemous and that they are trying to stop people seeing it."

"I appeal to you, just men and women of the Catholic church: come and see my show and then judge," added the 29-year-old Madonna.

"If you are sure I am a sinner, let whoever is without sin throw the first stone." The pop singer

told scores of reporters and television cameramen who mobbed her as she arrived from Paris at Rome's Ciampino military airport in a private jet.

"My show is not a conventional rock concert, but a theatrical presentation of my music and, like the theatre, it poses questions, provokes thought and takes you on an emotional journey."

"This is what I call freedom of speech, freedom of expression and thought," she said. "By preventing me from doing the show, you would be saying you do not believe in these freedoms."

Madonna said she was proud of her Italian ancestry and also proud to be an American, because the United States "gave me the opportunity to become what I am today and believes in freedom of speech and artistic expression."

(church's) constitution on a very serious matter," said Lyle Miller, bishop of Sierra Pacific Synod, the regional judiciary branch of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. (AP)

BOSTON: The controversial photographs of Robert Mapplethorpe will arrive next month with the impassioned backing of the Institute of Contemporary Art.

Far from being banned in Boston, Mapplethorpe's work will receive extra security, the director of the institute said Monday, to ensure that it is properly showcased in the city where Mapplethorpe died of Aids a year ago.



Singer hospitalised

Jazz great Ella Fitzgerald was being treated for exhaustion at a hospital Tuesday after becoming ill in her hotel, according to the organisers of a festival she was to appear at.

Miss Fitzgerald, 72, was admitted to the Bronxville Hospital on Monday and was listed in satisfactory condition, said North Sea Jazz Festival organiser Paul Acket. The hospital refused to comment on Miss Fitzgerald's condition.

Acket said doctors had ordered several days rest for Miss Fitzgerald, who cancelled Wednesday night's appearance at a festival gala in her honour.

He said that jazz singer would be returning to the United States after her discharge and would not be able to make scheduled appearances at jazz festivals in Montreux and Antibes. (Reuters wirephoto)

Witness testifies against Barry

WASHINGTON, July 10, (AP): Using a rolled up dollar bill, a Tehran-born restaurateur demonstrated on the witness stand yesterday how he said Mayor Marion Barry repeatedly snored cocaine.

Hassan Mohammadi said he furnished cocaine to Barry about 30 times, once delivering more than 2 grammes (0.07 ounces) of the drug to the mayor in his office.

"He wouldn't ask for cocaine, but say, 'what's happening? Are you loaded?'" the witness said.

Barry never paid, Mohammadi testified. In fact, he said, on a November 1987 trip to the Bahamas, Barry played blackjack using the \$3,000,000 worth of chips that Mohammadi bought.

The mayor leaned back in his chair at the defence table, sometimes smiling, once grinning broadly. During breaks in the proceedings he joked with his lawyers, his campaign manager and his press secretary.

Mohammadi, who immigrated from Iran in 1972 at the age of 18, met Barry at a District of Columbia party during the Democratic national convention in San Francisco in 1984. He invited the mayor to the grand opening of Par-d's restaurant, in the Georgetown section of Washington, in February 1985.

The first time he saw Barry ingest cocaine, the witness said, was on that occasion, in an office atop the restaurant.

Mohammadi said he, Barry, and nightclub owner Samad Arshadi went upstairs where Arshadi, placed some powder on the table.

Using a credit card, Arshadi "made a line" out of the powder "and he and Mr Mayor snored" the substance through a rolled-up bill, said Mohammadi.

"He bent over the coke and he snored," Mohammadi said of the mayor.



Rock star marries

French rock star Johnny Hallyday (left) signs the wedding register with his bride Adeline Blondeau during a ceremony at the Ramatuelle town hall on Monday. Hallyday, 48, whose real name is Jean Philippe Smail, married Blondeau, 19, in a televised ceremony. (Reuters wirephoto)

Life sentence recommended

Killer murdered wife

SAN DIEGO, July 10, (AP): A Superior Court jury recommended that an El Cajon man who murdered his wife and four of her family members be sentenced to life in prison without the possibility of parole.

After three days of deliberations, the San Diego jury yesterday rejected the death penalty for Toufic "Tom" Naddi.

Naddi, a Jordanian-born Lebanese citizen, was convicted in 1988 of murdering his wife, Aida, 26; her father, Habib Sabagh, 73; her mother, Lillian Sabagh, 58; her brother, Michael Sabagh, 38; and her cousin, Osama Mashini, 38.

The Sabaghs were a prominent Jordanian family and Osama Mashini was a popular comedian there. Each of the victims were shot in the head while they slept at Naddi's home, where they were visiting in June 1985.

Naddi, 49, remained passive while the verdict was read. The subdued reaction sharply contrasted with Naddi's behaviour last month when the same jury

found the defendant was sane when he committed the murders.

At that time, Naddi struck one of his attorneys, Beverly Barrett, repeatedly with his fist. He was subdued by four deputy marshals, who handcuffed Naddi and took him out of the courtroom as the jury watched.

Jury foreman Edward Brewer on Monday said the panel had disregarded Naddi's conduct in reaching their decision.

While the verdict is not binding on Superior Court Judge Raymond Edwards, it is rare in a capital case for a judge to overturn a jury's recommendation. Edwards scheduled sentencing for Sept 17.

Naddi has undergone four sanity trials since his conviction.

Naddi testified during the guilt phase of his trial that he shot his relatives because his wife had told him that she had been involved for years in an incestuous relationship with her father, who allegedly wanted to take Naddi's two children back to Jordan.

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US court rejects donor's right to share in profits in organ research

SAN FRANCISCO, July 10, (AP): A patient whose blood and organs become the source of lucrative scientific research has no right to share in the profits, a US state court ruled yesterday.

Leukemia victim John Moore's spleen was removed for medical reasons and then used by researchers to develop a blood protein with potential multimillion-dollar profits. The California Supreme Court ruled 5-2 that Moore may not sue researchers and commercial laboratories for misusing his personal property.

Allowing such a suit "threatens to destroy the

economic incentive to conduct important medical research," justice Edward Panelli said.

But the court, the highest judicial body in California, unanimously allowed Moore to continue his claim that the doctor who removed his spleen and later withdrew blood samples over several years had failed to disclose his personal interests before getting Moore's consent to the procedures.

That part of the ruling should encourage a more open doctor-patient relationship in the future, said Cynthia Fruchtmann, a Los Angeles lawyer and expert in genetic engineering.

"It would appear that a justifiable sigh of relief should go up from the scientific community," said Richard D. Godown, president of the Industrial Biotechnology Association, a trade group of 107 companies.

A defendant in the case, Sandoz Pharmaceuticals Corp., had warned in papers filed with the court that "the field of biomedical research will be plunged into a state of chaos for years" if the court allowed a suit.

Moore's lawyer, Sanford Gage, said the limited claim allowed by the court could still include a share

of the profits.

He acknowledged that it might be difficult to show that failure to disclose how the spleen and blood were used affected some of Moore's decisions to undergo treatment. But he said he considered the ruling an overall victory.

Under a broad theory of conversion — the use of Moore's property without his consent — anyone who worked on material that had been derived from the organs of an unconsenting patient could be sued for damages, he said.



A strike opponent is dragged and threatened by a group of Sandinista supporters on Monday after a street fight which involved both sides hurling stones at one another. Violent confrontations erupted throughout Managua's streets which had been barricaded during the night by Sandinista supporters of the general strike which entered its second week. (Reuters wirephoto)



A pro-Sandinista demonstrator shouts at supporters of the Chamorro government on Sunday. A strike called by the National Workers' Front, a pro-Sandinista union, was declared illegal by the government after negotiations broke down on July 6. (Reuters wirephoto)

Chamorro calls army

Striking workers clash

MANAGUA, July 10. (Reuters): President Violeta Chamorro called in the army yesterday to restore order in the Nicaraguan capital after striking workers clashed with government supporters in the worst street violence in Managua in a decade.

Heavily armed soldiers began removing street barricades, but strike leaders said the work stoppage would go on.

One person died and 34 were wounded in the clashes yesterday, bringing to four the number of people killed in the violence since Friday.

Strikers leaders warned there would be chaos and catastrophe. Army moved in immediately with police to clear street barricades and take back occupied government buildings.

"I call on all sectors of Nicaraguan society to defend our sovereign liberties and to end this situation that seeks to take the country to total ruin," she said.

Late yesterday heavily armed soldiers began removing barricades near the Central American University.

After Chamorro called in the army, strike leader Lucio Jimenez said over Radio Ya.

"If negotiations are not held, the government will be the only one responsible for the chaos and the catastrophe that could occur in our country."

The strike yesterday shut down the country's international airport and border crossings with Honduras and Costa Rica. Government offices and state firms were shut and strikers disrupted electricity and the planting of coffee and cotton crops, Nicaragua's top export products.

The workers affiliated with the leftist Sandinista National Liberation Front began the strike a week ago in protest against Chamorro's market-oriented economic reforms. By yesterday both sides seemed to be moving further apart.

"Both sides appear to be wrong to be moving further and further into a hard line," one Managua-based Western diplomat said.

Pro-Sandinista students and supporters of the strike briefly held government Radio Nicaragua

yesterday as well the state television network, where an anti-government news programme was televised. Police later moved to dislodge the strike supporters.

Main streets in Managua were blocked, bringing the capital to a near-standstill. It was reminiscent of the 1979 revolution, when Sandinistas built roadblocks in their fight to overthrow dictator Gen Anastasio Somoza.

A group of men armed with Soviet AK-47 automatic rifles tried to shoot their way into Radio Corporation before Chamorro was to give her speech there, announced Carlos Torres said. Four guards were wounded, he said.

Torres said Radio Corporation went off the air shortly after the attack, "for reasons that I do not know."

Chamorro was able to give her speech after police cleared it of student protesters.

Chamorro said she ordered the army and police "to proceed immediately to maintain public order and guarantee the security of citizens."

The government had broken off talks with the strikers on Friday, rejecting union demands for Chamorro to drop plans to privatise state-owned companies and farmlands and to revise a monetary policy that has brought sharp devaluations and price increases.

Government officials said the strike was an effort by the Sandinistas to undermine the Chamorro administration and was not really about any labour dispute.

Chamorro, who is supported by the US government, won an unexpected election victory over the Sandinistas in February and took office in April, ending 10 years of Sandinista government.

Former President Daniel Ortega, who is also Sandinista leader, said the Chamorro government was to blame for the street violence and urged negotiations with strikers.

The present Nicaraguan Army was formed by the Sandinistas after they led the 1979 revolution that toppled rightist dictator Anastasio Somoza.

Brazil thieves make off with \$17.6m heist

BRASILIA, July 10. (AP): Eight men broke into a government bank over the weekend and made off with a record 1.5 billion cruzeiros (\$17.6 million), police said yesterday.

The robbery took place at the Brazilian Central Bank branch in Salvador, a port city of 1.5 million people 900 miles (1,500 kilometres) northeast of Brasilia, the capital.

Municipal police chief Almiro Nepomuceno said the thieves arrived shortly before midnight Saturday at the bank, located just 100 yards metres from the city's federal police headquarters.

Three gang members showed federal police badges and persuaded a night watchman to open the door, Nepomuceno said in a telephone interview from Salvador.

Once inside, they overpowered eight security guards and let in five accomplices with shotguns, submachine guns, an acetylene torch and tanks.

US case against Noriega weak

PANAMA CITY, July 10. (Reuters): Attorney General Rogelio Cruz said that the Miami drug trafficking case against ousted strongman Manuel Antonio Noriega was weak but that criminal charges filed in Panama against the former general would ensure he would not go free even if the US case fails.

Cruz told a news conference Panama was watching "with great interest" pre-trial manoeuvring in the case which charges Noriega with taking hundreds of thousands of dollars in exchange for allowing drugs to be smuggled through Panama. The trial is set to open in February 1991.

But Cruz said the evidence being offered by the United States, which invaded Panama last December to oust Noriega and bring him to trial, was "sparse and vague."



The Czechoslovak embassy in Havana where five Cuban dissidents were sheltering after entering on Monday, and asking for protection. Czechoslovak diplomats said the five did not want to leave Cuba but were demanding to be allowed to work and engage in politics. (Reuters wirephoto)

'Welcome to Puerto Boyaca'

Private armies run town, keep law and order, build schools

PUERTO BOYACA, Colombia, July 10. (AP): An alliance of private armies apparently financed by drug traffickers has taken over this tropical town and much of central Colombia.

After driving out leftist guerrillas, the vigilantes also evicted beggars and prostitutes and opened dozens of schools. "Welcome to Puerto Boyaca, the anti-subversive capital of Colombia," says a sign at the town's entrance.

The private armies have become a dreaded part of Colombia's violent society, and the government says they have turned into right-wing death squads.

Ranchers organised them, with the army's blessing, about 10 years ago to fight guerrillas who were extorting money as a "revolution tax."

If the money was not paid, guerrillas would kidnap ranchers, burn down their buildings and rustle their cattle.

Drug traffickers got into the act when the ranchers ran short of money and weapons, says a report by Colombia's secret police that was seen by the Associated Press.

Death squads began roaming the region, and the army has been either unable or unwilling to stop massacres of peasants.

Vigilantes surrounded houses of suspected leftists, called the inhabitants out and shot them down. In Segovia, a central Colombian town with a leftist mayor, gunmen drove through the streets and shot 43 people to death.

Cocaine barons were glad to help the vigilante operation because leftist guerrillas had kidnapped several members of their families for ransom and the traffickers had bought hundreds of thousands of acres in the region as investments.

With the guerrillas gone, the private armies have offered to lay down their arms if a deal can be struck with the government.

At the end of June, Interior Minister Horacio Serpa said the government was "willing to take action leading to conditional" amnesty for such minor offences as illegal possession of weapons, but not for murder.

Ivan Duque, spokesman for the armed groups, said Serpa's statement was vague and "does not offer any guarantee to farmers and ranchers that they will be protected against guerrillas."

A prominent human rights activist said of the ranchers: "They have set up a mini-fascist state right in the middle of Colombia." He asked that his name be withheld because of a recent attempt on his life.

Puerto Boyaca is a rough town of dirt streets lined with concrete buildings. Hard-looking men in cowboy boots and Panama hats hang out at the pool hall, some wearing mirrored sunglasses, open shirts and gold chains.

Parked outside are Ford Broneos and Chevy Blazers, status symbols of underlings in the cocaine traffic.

The town is about midway on the Magdalena river, which runs almost the length of Colombia and empties into the Caribbean Sea. The private armies control the Magdalena Medio, a surrounding region that covers much of central Colombia.

In the past decade, tens of thousands of Colombians have been killed by drug traffickers, leftist guerrillas and right-wing paramilitary groups.

"The self-defence groups managed to ... create this climate of peace you see here in Puerto Boyaca," Duque said. The vigilante spokesman recently was elected an alternate federal senator.

Peace does reign in the town, but critics say that's because all opposition has been silenced.

Local politics and the press are controlled by the association of cattle ranchers and farmers of Magdalena Medio, known by its Spanish acronym Adecogam.

Members say the association provides vital services neglected by the central government. It runs 33 schools and a pharmacy, and even offers classes in dance and painting.

The building Adecogam occupies is painted pink. Plastic flowers adorn the halls and desks. Human rights groups say the organisation is front for death squads.

Peru's Marxist leader escapes

LIMA, July 10. (Reuters): The leader of Peru's second largest Marxist guerrilla group escaped from prison yesterday along with at least 47 other rebels in a stunning escape through a secret tunnel that police said took a year to dig.

Peruvian police detained 20,000 people in house-to-house searches and roadblocks as they tried to recapture Victor Polay, self-confessed leader of the Tupac Amaru Revolutionary Movement (MRTA), and other guerrillas who slipped through a 250-metre (yard) tunnel from Casco Grande prison before dawn.

About 20,000 people were held in Lima alone, police said. Radio stations reported roadblocks, neighbourhood sweeps and detentions across the country as jails filled up.

The Interior Ministry confirmed that 48 people had escaped, all of them guerrillas from the pro-Cuban MRTA, through the tunnel which police said ran beneath guard posts, walls and barbed wire at the maximum security jail.

"I call on citizens not to lose their calm or patience ... the (prison) guards will have some explaining to do," a worried-looking Garcia told reporters.

"Any prison must have enough guards and vigilance. This sort of thing should never happen," said President-elect Alberto Fujimori, adding his voice to a chorus of protest over the escape.

"This incident shows the incompetence of this government in all fields," said rightist deputy-elect Mario Roggero.

Polay, an admirer of Cuban revolutionary Ernesto "Che" Guevara, was captured in January last year and has been on trial for killings, bombings and other crimes.

Most of the tunnel was dug by MRTA supporters from outside the prison, police said. It stretched 250 metres from a brick house beyond the prison walls into a patio inside and was a metre wide, enough to let inmates crawl through comfortably.

Police said the tunnel, 10 metres deep in places, was equipped with electric lighting, ventilation and ladders to climb in and out. "It's a work of great engineering skill ... they obviously used specialists," said Juan Leon Gamarras, a state prosecutor in guerrilla cases.

The prison, ringed with walls, barbed wire and guard posts, housed at least 250 battle-hardened guerrillas from MRTA and a larger rival group, the Maoist Shining Path, plus convicted drug traffickers and mass murderers. People living outside the prison walls said they saw a lorry coming and going from the brick house where the tunnel had its outlet. Police said the lorry was probably carrying earth and rock from the tunnel.

Rebels willing to talk

Automatic gunfire, rockets echo through Monrovia

MONROVIA, July 10. (Agencies): Guerrillas of the National Patriotic Front of Liberia are willing to accept a ceasefire call by President Samuel Doe and attend peace talks in neighbouring Sierra Leone today, rebel radio said.

Despite the radio report yesterday, automatic and semi-automatic gunfire and rockets echoed through the eastern suburb of Paynesville, 6 miles (10 km) from Doe's Israeli-built seaside mansion.

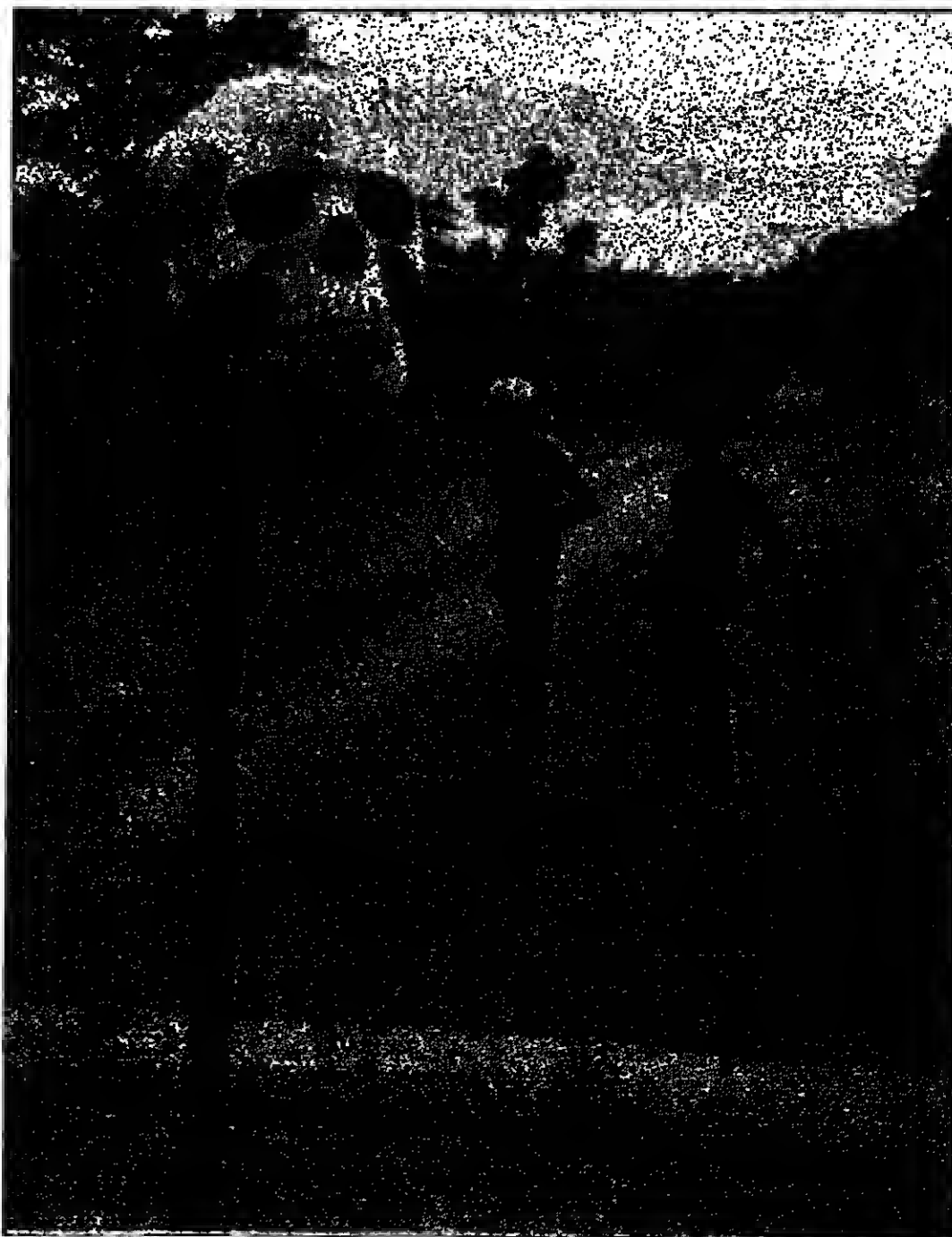
Rebels in Paynesville had retreated Sunday after Doe announced the ceasefire on a makeshift radio. The main state radio transmitter is

behind rebel lines.

Also yesterday, three Liberian soldiers drove a man they accused of being a rebel to the beach, ordered him out of the car and riddled him from behind with bullets.

"Go to the beach," they said to the victim, who imploringly waved his identity papers as if they would save him.

All three soldiers pumped bullets into his head, back and legs from their US-supplied M-16 automatic rifles near the front gate of the home of US charge d'affaires Dennis Jett.



Liberian rebels man a roadblock near Tappita decorated with the skull of a dead government soldier. (Reuters wirephoto)

New cure for migraine-suffering people

BONN, July 10. (Kune): An expert physician specialist in blood vessels has announced that people suffering of migraine will soon get rid of that disease through taking a new medicine.

Prof Manfred Goethert said at a press conference held here last night on the side line of the 7th international four-day conference of the blood vessels, currently held in Bonn, that the neurology physicians, through the various and continuous researches made during the last two decades, could not discover a suitable medicine to cure the migraine.

He elaborated that the researches in the field of blood vessels mostly centred on the possibility of supervising and controlling neurologies, in addition to cure clogging of

arteries and veins which led to discovering a medicine called "sumatriptan", that had been tested in laboratories three years ago.

Goethert also said that the sumatriptan is distinguished from other medicines for curing the migraine, because it causes no side effects such as the disturbance in the blood circulation and vomiting, indicating that the new medicine will be available in the markets in two years.

He also revealed of discovering another medicine to cure blood pressure without the patient's suffering of any strong side effects.

The conference, which started Sunday is attended by 200 physicians, chemists, brain surgeons and biologists from 21 states.

Cubans seek asylum in Czech embassy

Want to visit Prague, meet officials

PRAGUE, July 10. (UPI): Five activists of Cuban dissident groups have officially applied for asylum in the Czechoslovak embassy in Havana, the Czechoslovak News Agency CTK said today.

The activists, members of the Cuban human rights committee, the Cuban Christian Democratic Movement and other opposition groups, said they want to leave for Czechoslovakia July 15 for a week to meet with government representatives.

"They are afraid, however, that Cuban authorities would prevent them

from visiting Czechoslovakia without the Czechoslovak government's official protection," CTK said.

The activists said they intend to tour Europe and the United States to spread the aims and programmes of the Cuban opposition movement.

Press attache Lohomir Hladik declined to name the five, but one of them, Carlos Eladio Novoa Ponce, had earlier called foreign reporters to say that he, Jorge Luis Mari Becerra and Lazaro Angel Cabrera Puente and two others whom he did not name were at

the embassy.

He said they wanted "protection from reprisals by the Cuban government."

They had entered the mission, which unlike most diplomatic sites in Cuba was not guarded by Cuban police, just before midday yesterday.

Hladik said the embassy was in contact with the Czechoslovak Foreign Ministry in Prague and was also discussing the case with the Cuban authorities. There has been no comment so far from the Cuban government.

In Monrovia's free port, soldiers stole 50 Romanian Dacia jeeps from a ship they had forced to berth at the deserted port Sunday. Doe ordered one of his few remaining vessels to intercept the ship Sunday, shipping sources said.

Meanwhile, peace talks aimed at averting a tribal massacre in Liberia were due to resume today.

The talks are set to restart in neighbouring Sierra Leone under the auspices of the 16-nation Economic Community for West African States (Ecowas).

Diplomats in West Africa said it was only a matter of time before rebel leader Taylor's guerrillas took full control of Monrovia.

But Western and African governments were frantically trying to prevent revenge killings against Doe's Krahn tribe after a rebel takeover, they said.

Abbas Bundu, the executive secretary of Ecowas, said he was confident rebel representatives would show up today.

"Reliable sources tell me they have agreed to come," he said in Freetown yesterday.

Bundu said he had also received a signed pledge from rebel leader Taylor that he would send representatives to the talks.

Willingly take test for Aids, take precautions

NY streetwalkers safer than thought

NEW YORK, July 10, (Reuters): Late at night in east Harlem, New York, a small band of streetwalkers solicited passing motorists. A police car cruised by and the women retreat into the shadows.

Further up the dark street a prostitute in tight white pants evokes a sense of eerie desolation as she stands alone, right hand resting provocatively on her hip.

Suddenly, a caravan bearing the logo "Lifestyle Condoms" pulls up. The prostitute, a crack addict and 32-year-old mother, flashes a nervous smile at the driver, John Rein.

"I was missing you," she says, entering the back of the van after Reid had turned a corner and parked alongside an empty petrol filling station.

The prostitute knows from the grapevine that Rein and Phyllis Pearson, a medical assistant working for Greenwich Village internist Joyce Wallace, will give her \$10 if she takes the blood test for Aids — and another \$20 if she phone Wallace's office or drops by for the results.

Wallace, operating under a grant from the US Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta, has already found that one third of the nearly 930 New York City prostitutes she has studied are

infected with the HIV virus that causes the killer disease Aids.

Of that number, Wallace discovered, 73 per cent took drugs using shared needles. Another 23 per cent who tested positive for the virus, reported having sex with intravenous drug users.

Both figures reflect the high risk of offering sex for money in the midst of a deadly epidemic. Reid, doubling as Wallace's interviewer, sits opposite the prostitute on a couch in the van and asks if she has taken the Aids test before. She shakes her head.

"I don't lie. I do a lot of things, but I don't lie. I believe in the Lord," she says, grimacing slightly as Pearson draws her blood.

Within minutes at least five other prostitutes and their pimps show up, surrounding the van, attracted by the lure of quick cash for a blood test.

Reid tells them to wait outside, then continues questioning the first woman. "I used to shoot (inject) drugs," she says. "But I haven't in 10 years."

"(Did you) clean your needles?" asks Reid. "Yeah," she murmurs. "Sometimes I'd buy me a new one."

This prostitute lives with her mother.

Some of them get paid only \$3, the current street price of a vial of crack — a highly addictive form of cocaine smoked in a pipe, or even less, from their customers.

Wallace's preliminary findings on streetwalkers and Aids (acquired immune deficiency syndrome) is the result of a nine-month study of the blood samples of prostitutes taken in drug-ravaged neighbourhoods.

She notes that the high rate of HIV infection among New York City's estimated 4,000 streetwalkers doesn't necessarily mean that they are spreading the disease to their clients.

"Most streetwalkers use oral sex and it's difficult to spread (Aids) that way," she says, while admitting that oral sex is not without risk. Also, most of them use condoms, although there's resistance from men."

Wallace interviewed 500 men who patronise street prostitutes and found only three had been infected.

Epidemiologist William Darrow, a Centre for Disease Control official who oversees studies of prostitutes and Aids, says there still are no reliable estimates on the relationship between prostitutes and the spread of the epidemic

to their clients.

"Many men say they've acquired HIV as a result of (patronising) prostitutes. But until we find the prostitutes and verify (this), we have to be a bit sceptical," he said.

"It's more socially acceptable to say you got (Aids) from a prostitute than to say you got it from a homosexual encounter or from shared needles," Darrow adds.

Dr Ran Stonebuerger, director of the Aids research unit for the New York City Department of Health, says that studies by the unit going back to 1985 "do not show that having sex with a prostitute, per se, is a significant risk factor for infection."

But Stonebuerger notes that an emerging sub-population of crack-addicted prostitutes engage in sexual transactions more often than other streetwalkers to support their addiction. He says these prostitutes may become a potential risk for spreading Aids because of their frequent sexual encounters.

Meanwhile, some advocates for prostitutes' rights claim that such studies say more about drug use than they do about the practices of "professional" streetwalkers.

Japanese tops again

Forbes' billionaires list

The Haves

RANKING non-US billionaire fortune as compiled by Forbes Magazine

Over \$10 billion

Taiichi Mori, Japan, property development
Yoshiaki Tsutsumi, Japan, land, railroads, resorts

Over \$5 billion

Brenninkmeyer family, Holland, retailing
Erivan Haub, Germany, supermarkets
Eitaro Itoyama, Japan, land
Yohachiro Iwasaki, Japan, logging, property, resorts, etc.
Kenkichi Nakajima, Japan, Pachinko machines
Quandt family, Germany, autos, industry
Hans and Gad Rausing, Sweden, liquids packaging
Paul, Albert, Ralph Reichmann, Canada, real estate
Shin Kyuk-Ho A.K.A. — Shigemitsu, Takeo, Korea, candy, real estate
Kenneth Roy Thomson, Canada, publishing, retailing
Kitaro Watanabe, Japan, real estate
Haruhiko Yoshimoto and family, Japan, real estate

Over \$2 billion

Giovanni Agnelli and family, Italy, autos, etc.
Albrecht family, Germany, supermarkets
Al Rajhi family, Saudi Arabia, money changing, banking
Otto Beisheim, Germany, retailing
Silvio Berlusconi, Italy, media retailing, real estate
Liliane Bettencourt, France, cosmetics
Bin Mahfouz family, Saudi Arabia, banking, investments
Boehringer family, Germany, pharmaceuticals
Chang Yung-fa, Taiwan, shipping
Pablo Escobar Gaviria, Colombia, cocaine
Michele Ferrero, Italy, candy
Wilhelm and August von Finck, Germany, banking, real estate
Friedrich Karl Flick, Germany, heavy industry
Reinhard Freudenberg, Germany, chemicals, diversified products
Takeshi Furukawa, Japan, real estate
Garza Sada family, Mexico, beer, steel, packaging
Hans Gerling, Germany, insurance
Gerald Cavendish Grosvenor, UK, real estate
Haniel family, Germany, trading, retailing
Hattori family, Japan, watches
Ise Hayashibara, Japan, pharmaceuticals, real estate
Henkel family, Germany, consumer products
Hoffman family, Switzerland, pharmaceuticals
Kenneth Colin Irving, Canada, oil distribution, paper, land
Ingvar Kamprad, Sweden, furniture retailing
Shigeru Kobayashi, Japan, real estate
Vehbi Koc, Turkey, conglomerate
Liem Sioe Liong, Indonesia, finance, trade, manufacturing
Boehringer family, Germany, drugs, chemicals
Mohr family, Germany, publishing
Junichi Murata, Japan, fax, industrial machinery
Ochoa family, Colombia, cocaine
Rudolf August Oetker and family, Germany, food, brewing
Von Oppenheim family, Germany, banking
Yoneichi Otsu, Japan, hotels
Otsuka family, Japan, pharmaceuticals
Sahnci Brothers, Turkey, conglomerate
Kiyoshi Sagawa, Japan, delivery service
David Sainsbury and family, UK, supermarkets
Keizo Saji, Japan, liquor
Schickedanz family, Germany, mail order
Stephan Schmidheiny and family, Switzerland, construction, etc.
Schulze, Rutenbeck, Germany, retailing
Seydoux-Schlumberger family, France, textiles, media, oil services
Rinji Shino, Japan, real estate, leisure
Hirotomo Takei, Japan, publishing, real estate
Yasuo Takei, Japan, money lending
Takenaka family, Japan, construction
Samuel and Edmund Vestey, UK, meatpacking
Charles Weston, Canada, foods, supermarkets
Hisakichi Yamaguchi, Japan, cans
Hiroshi Yamuchi, Japan, videogames
Tadashi Yoshida and family, Japan, zippers, building materials

Over \$1 billion

Aga Khan IV, religion, investments
Al Ghanim family, Kuwait, auto retailing, investments
Mohamed Abdul Mohsin Al Kharafi, Kuwait, banking, construction
Abdul Aziz A. Al Sulaiman, Saudi Arabia, cement, trucks, real estate
Helmuth Beier, Germany, publishing
Bentley family, Italy, apparel
Birla family, India, textiles, aluminium, autos
Bosch family, Germany, auto parts
Botin family, Spain, banking
Octav Botnar, UK, auto dealerships
Bouriez family, France, hypermarkets, luxury goods
Charles Brouha, Canada, liquor
Erich Brost, Germany, publishing
Sebastiao Camargo, Brazil, construction, manufacturing
Yu-Tung Cheng, Hong Kong, real estate
Chung Ju-Yung and family, Korea, heavy industry
Cisneros family, Venezuela, consumer products
Serge Dassault, France, aircraft, electronics
Dassler family, Germany, athletic wear
Dresmann family, Holland, retailing
Eaton family, Canada, retailing
Antonio Emirio de Moraes and family, Brazil, mining, industry
Fentener Van Vlissingen family, Holland, oil and gas, retailing
Ferruzzi family, Germany, publishing
Funke family, Germany, publishing
Goulondis family, Greece, shipping, real estate
Chantal Grundig, Germany, electronics
Walter Haefner, Switzerland, car sales, software
Haindl family, Germany, newspaper
Rafik Bahaeddin Hariri, Lebanon, construction, investments, banking
Herz family, Germany, coffee retailing
Martin Hilli and family, Liechtenstein, fasteners, rivets
Hsu family, Taiwan, textiles, cement, department stores
Shi H. Huang and family, Taiwan, autos, motorcycles, financial services
Kanichiro Ishibashi and family, Japan, auto tires
Hisashi Ishii, Japan, finance
Ito Masatoshi, Japan, retailing
Klaus Jacobs, Switzerland, coffee, chocolate
Abdul Latif Jameel, Saudi Arabia, conglomerate
Kadoorie family, Hong Kong, utilities
Kano family, Bahrain, shipping, conglomerate
Genshiro Kawamoto, Japan, real estate
Shigekuni Kawamura, Japan, ink, chemicals
Kinoshita family, Japan, money lending
Karl Heinz Klipp, Germany, variety stores
Heinz Kobayashi, Japan, restaurants, supermarkets, hotels
Koo family, Taiwan, banking, diversified
Kristiansen family, Denmark, toys
Robert Kuok and family, Malaysia, sugar, flour trading, hotels
Kwack family, Singapore, finance, property
Kwok Tak-Seng, Hong Kong, real estate, housing
John Latsis, Greece, shipping oil
Lee family, Singapore, banking, rubber trading
Lee Byung-Chul family, Korea, trading, retailing, consumer
Walter Leibrand, Germany, supermarkets
Li Ka-Shing, Hong Kong, property developments, industry
Salvatore Ligresti, Italy, real estate, construction, insurance
Fredrick Lundberg and family, Sweden, conglomerate, real estate
Hugo Mann, Germany, retailing, real estate
March family, Spain, construction, investments, banking
Roberto Marinho, Brazil, media
Matsushita family, Japan, electronics
Maus-Nordmann family, Switzerland, department stores
Robert Maxwell, UK, retailing
Robert Miller, Hong Kong, retailing
Sir John Moores, UK, retailing
Morita family, Japan, consumer electronics
Mulliez family, France, hypermarkets
Murayama family, Japan, publishing
Stavros Niarchos, Greece, shipping, investments
Sulman Saleh Olayan, Saudi Arabia, construction, investments
Oto family, Germany, mail order
Siegfried Otto, Germany, money printing
Kerry Packer, Australia, media, investments
Sir Yue-Kong Pao, Hong Kong, shipping, property development
Peugeot family, France, autos
Porsche family, Germany, autos, auto dealerships, finance
Reimann family, Germany, chemicals, cleansers, cosmetics
Rockling family, Germany, steel
Safra brothers, Lebanon, banking
Saito family, Japan, paper
Kichinosuke Sasaki, Japan, real estate
Josef Schorghuber, Germany, construction, real estate, beer
Von Siemens family, Germany, electrical machinery
William Scoryajaya and family, Indonesia, auto sales, timber, rubber
Swarovski family, Austria, Rhinestones

Rights abuses world-wide

Tens of thousands killed by struggling govts, says Amnesty

LONDON, July 10, (Reuters): Governments struggling to control ethnic and nationalist tensions killed tens of thousands of their citizens in 1989, the human rights group Amnesty International said in its annual report.

"Around the world, particularly where the tensions erupted into violence, tens of thousands of people became victims of security operations resulting in disappearances and extrajudicial executions," the London-based group said.

It said prisoners were tortured in close to 100 countries, people disappeared or were held in secret detention in more than 20 countries and death squads linked to govern-

ments operated in more than 35 countries.

"In countless cases, state torture was the price citizens paid for being identified as sympathisers with ethnic or nationalist movements," Amnesty said in the report of human rights observance in 138 countries.

But the report also noted that the massive political upheaval in Eastern Europe led to the release of thousands of so-called prisoners of conscience and greater freedom of expression, movement and association.

Amnesty listed China, the Soviet Union, the Israeli-occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip, and Guatemala as among the places where ethnic and nationalist conflict led to human rights abuse by the authorities.

In China, at least 1,000 civilians were killed and thousands injured in early June last year after weeks of pro-democracy demonstrations in Beijing, Amnesty said. Secret executions and torture of prisoners followed.

The report said that in Tibet Chinese troops broke up demonstrations by Tibetans demanding independence in March 1989 and imposed martial law in the capital, Lhasa, leading to arrests and torture of prisoners.

Soviet soldiers and riot troops killed 20 people and wounded up to 3,000 in dispersing a crowd demonstrating for Georgian independence in April 1989, Amnesty said.

"At least 160 people were killed under criminal law in the Soviet Union were imprisoned or forcibly confined to psychiatric hospitals for exercising their human rights, it said. In the Palestinian uprising in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, more than 260 unarmed Arab civilians, including children, were shot dead by Israeli forces, often in circumstances suggesting excessive use of force or deliberate killings, Amnesty said.

"Others died in incidents where tear-gas was possibly deliberately misused," the report said, accusing Israeli authorities of failing to investigate the incidents adequately.

In Guatemala, the security forces and death squads linked to them were reported to be involved in hundreds of extrajudicial executions and disappearances, Amnesty said.

The report also documented attacks by security forces on human rights activists in Colombia, Honduras, Peru and Brazil. Amnesty International said massive political upheaval in Eastern Europe in 1989 had led to greater freedom but there had still been human rights violations across the continent.

The release of thousands of prisoners of conscience and greater freedom in the East followed mass demonstrations during which security forces arrested, tortured, detained and even killed protesters, the human rights group said. In Albania, those who tried to exercise their right to freedom were liable to harsh punishment, Amnesty said.

In Yugoslavia, at least 4,500 people, including 1,700 prisoners of conscience, were detained last year. Political prisoners were often denied a fair trial and there were allegations of brutality, the report said.

At least 60 people prosecuted under criminal law in the Soviet Union were imprisoned or forcibly confined to psychiatric hospitals for exercising their human rights, Amnesty said. At least 32 were jailed for objecting to military services, it said.

Hundreds of conscientious objectors to military service were also imprisoned in France, Greece, Italy and Switzerland. Smaller numbers were jailed in Cyprus and Finland. Ill-treatment in police custody or prison was reported in Austria, France, Italy, Portugal, Spain and West Germany.

Amnesty said evidence emerged in Britain of collusion between Northern Ireland's security forces and members of Protestant paramilitary groups set up to counter the Irish Republican Army's guerrilla battle to end British rule.



Cocaine seizure

Spanish police have arrested a West German, three Colombians and nine Spaniards in connection with a half-tonne cocaine seizure in Madrid.

The swoop on Sunday and Monday brought to 31 the number of people held on charges of drug trafficking and money laundering in the police's "Plan Galicia" crackdown which began six months ago on the rugged coast of the northwestern Galicia region.

The German was arrested on Sunday when police found the cocaine in plastic wrapping marked "best quality Colombian" under the bed of his truck parked near Madrid's Barajas airport.

The purity and street value of the drugs could not be

estimated as the 495 one-kg (22-pound) packets had not yet been opened, police said.

Police also confiscated 40 million pesetas (\$390,000) in cash, six cars, jewels and a money-counting machine. They said more arrests were imminent.

"These are magnificent results," said Jose Maria Rodriguez Colorado, the director-general of police, adding that police had seized 1.158 kg (2.547 pounds) of cocaine in Plan Galicia.

The drugs were probably sent by the Bogota drugs cartel via Portugal for use in Spain and Central Europe, said police commissioner Pedro Rodriguez Nicolas.

Shuttle skippers grounded

Stern message to Nasa's astronaut corps

CAPE CANAVERAL, Florida, July 10, (UPI): The grounding of two veteran shuttle commanders for violating flight safety rules is an unprecedented move that sends a stern message to Nasa's astronaut corps.

"I guess there are two messages here," chief astronaut Daniel Brandenstein said yesterday. "One is we have policies and they're there for a purpose and we expect them to be followed. The other message that we hope to come out of this is people can make a mistake and recover from it and continue their career."

The unprecedented disciplinary action came after shuttle skipper Robert "Hool" Gibson, 43, was involved in a collision during a weekend air race in Texas that left a second pilot dead and raised questions about the enforcement of rules banning such high-risk activity by expensively trained astronauts.

Donald Puddy, director of flight crew operations at the Johnson Space Centre, said in a statement that Gibson and



veteran shuttle skipper David Walker, 46, had been removed from their upcoming missions, scheduled for 1991.

Gibson also was barred from T-38 jet trainer flights for one year while Walker was grounded for 60 days. Neither pilot will be

eligible for reassignment to a shuttle mission until they are back on T-38 flight status.

The weekend air show crash was cited in Gibson's case, but the details of what Walker did to warrant such discipline were not announced.

France to maintain troops in Germany

PARIS, July 10, (AP): A conservative legislator praised the socialist defence minister yesterday for pledging to maintain France as Western Europe's top military power and to adhere to its independent nuclear policy.

The minister, Jean-Pierre Chevènement, had also said in an address Sunday that France plans to keep its 50,000 troops in Germany for at least four more years.

Pierre-Andre Wiltzer, the opposition legislator, said Chevènement was right to declare that not all dangers have disappeared and that France must keep the means of defending its territory, expatriates and world-wide interests.

Wiltzer, a defence specialist for the centre-right union for French democracy, said there was a national consensus to maintain a strong military. He said the defence budget should not become vulnerable to internal socialist rivalries.

Some socialists have urged cuts in defence spending, but so far Chevènement has opposed major budget cuts with the support of President Francois Mitterrand.

Chevènement noted that France refused to endorse a declaration at last week's Nato summit which stipulated that the alliance would use nuclear weapons only as a last resort.

"It was in our interests to refuse to go along with this idea that one uses nuclear weapons as a last resort, when all would be lost," he said at a forum Sunday.

Surveys have shown that French voters across the political spectrum want to keep an independent nuclear arsenal.

France is the biggest military power in Europe after the Soviet Union and must maintain all its capabilities, he said.

'Free base' hits Zurich streets

ZURICH, July 10, (Kuna): Since several weeks now, "free base," a new form of cocaine, has hit the streets of Zurich, which is already struggling with a serious drug problem.

Identical to "crack," "free base" is also smoked and emits the same effects, only its mode of extraction differentiates it from crack.

It was reported that currently there are about forty "free base" users in the heart of Zurich.

"Crack" and "free base," if taken intravenously like cocaine can lead to a more serious dependence than snuffed cocaine, health authorities pointed out.

300-year-old Battle of the Boyne still counts as a current event in Ulster

BELFAST, July 10, (AP): Three centuries later, the Battle of the Boyne still counts as a current event in Northern Ireland.

Every 12th of July finds hundreds of flute and drum bands out on the streets of villages and towns, rattling windows with thunderous lambeg drums and playing stirring ditties that cast the Battle of the Boyne as a Protestant triumph over a Roman Catholic despot.

Stern men in dark suits and bowler hats, black umbrellas tightly furled, march in the orange sashes of the loyal Orange institution. Banners salute King

William III, "King Billy," the victor at the River Boyne.

"If you were an Englishman ... you might say this is a kind of bizarre continuation of a religious controversy," said A.T.O. Stewart, a professor of history at Queen's University in Belfast.

In fact, Stewart said, "it is about a problem that exists now."

That problem, which underlies 21 years of violence and nearly 2,800 deaths is a population divided between one million Protestants loyal to British rule and 600,000 Roman Catholics who

identify with Ireland.

The parades combine history and current events. As they have every year since 1985, Orangemen will reaffirm their opposition to the Anglo-Irish agreement, which gave the Irish government a say in the province's affairs.

The 12th is a public holiday in Northern Ireland, but not a mandatory one. It is a Protestant holiday, honouring a Protestant king.

"The sash my father wore," one of the most popular of the Orange marching songs, says the winners at the Boyne fought to maintain "our unity,

religion, laws and freedom."

An exhibition at the Ulster Museum, however, stresses that the battle was an episode in a larger European struggle against King Louis XIV of France.

"None of the kings in conflict cared particularly about Ireland and the Irish," says a panel at the exhibit. "James came to Ireland solely to recover his English throne. William solely to defeat James."

James II, a convert to Roman Catholicism, was removed from the English throne in the "glorious revolution" of 1688.

Army backs President Moi

Kenya unrest continues as toll rises to nine

NAIROBI, July 10, (Reuters): Kenyan President Daniel Arap Moi returned home to confront fresh unrest in Nairobi and nearby towns which has killed at least nine people and met army chiefs who assured him of their support.

A Foreign Ministry spokesman said Moi flew to Nairobi from neighbouring Ethiopia last night before the formal opening of the Organisation of African Unity (OAU) summit.

But he would not say whether Moi, who chaired a regional drought meeting before the OAU summit, had left ahead of schedule.

Nairobi newspapers said nine people had been killed in three days of political violence which began in Nairobi on Saturday and spread to nearby towns.

The government has ordered a security crackdown, with armed police units patrolling the capital and suburbs, and the United States warned travellers that violent clashes between police and rioters had made Kenya unsafe to visit.

Officials were unavailable for comment on the latest disturbances and diplomats and local journalists said the situation was confused.

Zambians want Kaunda to leave

LUSAKA, Zambia, July 10, (AP): When former schoolteacher Kenneth Kaunda led the British colony of northern Rhodesia to independence as Zambia 26 years ago, he was the head of one of Africa's richest and most stable nations.

World prices for copper — which accounts for 90 per cent of Zambia's export income — were riding high. Kaunda warmed in the glow of popular support and was hailed as the father of Zambia. The colonial rulers left him with 400 million in credit.

Today, Zambia is one of the world's poorest nations. It has a \$7-billion foreign debt and most of the country's 7.5 million inhabitants want the 66-year-old president to step down.

"Kaunda out, Tembo in," was the cry in Lusaka, the capital, and other parts of the country during last month's riots, six days of Zambia's bloodiest urban violence since independence in 1964.

The imprisoned Lt.-Gen. Christon Tembo, 46, Kaunda's former army commander, has been hailed as Zambia's man of the hour.

Summoned home from his job as ambassador to West Germany in October 1988, Tembo was arrested with three other officers for allegedly plotting a coup. He has been jailed ever since.

His trial began last year and he has pleaded innocent to a capital charge of treason.

The rioting and looting June 25-30 was fuelled by state-ordered increases of 120 per cent in the price of cornmeal, the nation's staple food known locally as mealie meal.

At least 26 civilians were killed by police and army bullets, hundreds were wounded and more than 1,500 were arrested, mainly for violating a dusk-to-dawn curfew.

Some victims were gunned down June 30 as they rejoiced near Kaunda's official residence over a state radio broadcast that the army had seized power in an overnight rebellion.

The announcer was Signals Corps Lt. Mwamba Luchembe, 38, son of a Bemba tribal chief. He and three fellow officers plotted to overthrow Kaunda while the President was visiting the central province of Ndola.

Luchembe and his comrades were arrested by loyalist troops at the Radio Zambia building. They face a treason trial and possible death if convicted.

In the last urban unrest in December 1986 — also over food price increases — 15 people were killed by security forces. But anger then was directed at the army, not Kaunda.

This time, in a dozen cities and towns, protesters demanded Kaunda's resignation, a return to old prices and a restoration of multi-party democracy, which was abolished with the imposition of a one-party state in 1972.

Kaunda was defiant. "All they can do is kill me," he said after he learned of the failed coup attempt. "I will not bow to thuggery."

Zambian police have detained three businessmen and an army officer in connection with last month's abortive attempt to overthrow Kaunda, business sources said yesterday.

The sources named the four, taken between Friday and Sunday, as brothers Christopher and Lieutenant-Colonel Mwanalushi and two Pakistanis, Rashid Khan and and Zubairi Rama.

Police looking for arms and subversive literature also searched the home of another Pakistani, Syed Zafarul Haq, the sources said. (Reuters)



Talks uncertain

African National Congress (ANC) leader Walter Sisulu, charged with the responsibility of rebuilding the organisation after it had been outlawed for 30 years told a press conference on Monday he does not see talks with Pretoria government resuming on July 18 as slated by Nelson Mandela in Uganda. (Reuters wirephoto)

Romance with Botha reported

I'm sorry: Boesak

JOHANNESBURG, July 10, (AP): Anti-apartheid leader Rev. Allan Boesak resigned his church positions after South African newspapers alleged he was having an affair with a white television producer.

The newspapers reported he was romantically involved with Elna Botha, who works for the state-run South African Broadcasting Corporation. Mrs Botha is a star and producer of "Good Morning South Africa," a news and entertainment show.

Mrs Botha's husband, news anchorman Colin Fluxman, was taken off the air yesterday morning after breaking down as he read a news report about his wife and Boesak during "Good Morning South Africa."

Boesak was in seclusion yesterday and his lawyers said he had nothing to say after telling his congregation Sunday that he was stepping down. Boesak said he had done nothing wrong, but had to resign.

"This is one of the darkest days of my life," he told the congregation of the Ned Geref Sendingk-

erk Church in Cape Town's Bellville south area. He had served there for 21 years.

"I am deeply sorry for all the pain I have caused," he said.

Boesak, a leader of South Africa's coloured community of people of mixed race, had become one of the most prominent anti-apartheid leaders in recent years. He helped lead campaigns against white-minority rule and toured the world to denounce apartheid.

Business Day newspaper reported yesterday that Fluxman said he and his wife were divorcing.

Church officials said Boesak had not decided if he and his wife Dorothy would divorce, news reports said.

Walter Sisulu, a senior leader of the African National Congress, said yesterday that Boesak's resignation would not harm the movement. Boesak has been an ANC ally.

"It's really a personal matter, a love affair is a personal matter," Sisulu told a press conference.



Training session

Britain's Secretary of State for Defence Tom King talks to a Mozambican soldier currently being trained by the British Military Advisory and Training Team (BMATT) in eastern Zimbabwe on Monday. King will visit Namibia after a two-day visit to Zimbabwe. (Reuters wirephoto)

Eritrean rebels claim 2,000 Ethiopian troops killed

DAMASCUS, July 10, (Reuters): Eritrean rebels fighting to set up their own state said today they had killed more than 2,000 Ethiopian government troops in eight days of fighting.

The Eritrean People's Liberation Front (EPLF) said in a statement the fighting began on June 30 when four army divisions were deployed to regain territory from rebels in the north. It said 2,100 troops were killed and 3,400 injured.

Rebels linked to the Tigray People's Liberation Front (TPLF) said they have killed nearly 22,000

Ethiopian troops last month.

Last month, Ethiopian rebels said they would not return to peace talks with the government but wanted the United Nations to organise a referendum on the future of the disputed province of Eritrea.

Former US President Jimmy Carter, who mediated two rounds of peace talks between the two sides last year, has said the rebels believed they would win an outright military victory and did not feel the need to talk peace.

Rebels seek ransom for Japanese hostage

Filipino forces and rebels clash

MANILA, July 10, (UPI): The Philippine armed forces chief said today communist rebels were seeking a five million peso (\$217,000) ransom for a Japanese technician kidnapped in the central Philippines but no demands had been made for an abducted Peace Corps volunteer.

Gen. Renato de Villa said in a radio interview Japanese rural aid worker Fumio Mizuno, 36, and Timothy Swanson, 26, of Cheyenne, Wyoming, were alive and were being held in the island of Negros by the communist New People's Army.

Mizuno, training director of the Tokyo-based Organisation for Industrial, Spiritual and Cultural Advancement, was kidnapped May

29 while Swanson was abducted on June 13 in Negros, 300 miles (480 kms) south of Manila.

"It is only on the case of Mizuno that they [rebels] were attempting to ask for ransom, something like five million," De Villa said on radio station DZXL. "For Swanson we have not heard of any demands for ransom. I have not seen any report or any indication that they have asked for ransom in the case of Swanson."

De Villa said the two hostages have been brought together under the custody of high-ranking officials of the outlawed Communist Party of

Retreat can lead to power race

US presence in Asia needed

SINGAPORE, July 10, (AP): Australia wants a continued US presence in the Asia-Pacific region for security reasons, John Hewson, leader of Australia's opposition Liberal Party, said today.

"As an ally of the United States under the ANZUS treaty, Australia should encourage the retention of an effective US security presence in the Western Pacific," Hewson said.

"An American retreat could lead to a new and unpredictable regional contest for power and influence," he added. In a luncheon speech to Australian businessmen and foreign correspondents, Hewson said the Philippines seems intent in current negotiations on setting a firm timetable for withdrawal rather than a phasing down of US military bases in that country.

But most countries in the region favour a continuing US

security presence, he said. The question is where and how that presence will be based after the Philippine bases are closed, he added.

How China is rehabilitated into the international community, and who leads that process, will have vital implications for the region's security outlook, Hewson said.

Hewson said countries in Asia, and Japan in particular, must break the current logjam in world trade talks under the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, called the Uruguay Round.

A recent study by the Confederation of Asia-Pacific Chambers of Commerce and Industry concluded that halving tariff and non-tariff barriers in North America and the European Economic Community would boost world income by \$400 billion, he said.



A student at Seoul's Sejong University jumps up and down on top of a car carrying the South Korean education minister. The minister, who visited the campus yesterday to try to convince students to go back to class after several months of unrest over the choice of university president, was forced to leave after about 20 minutes. (Reuters wirephoto)

Seoul students' protest

SEOUL, July 10, (AP): Despite a last-minute government warning, students today continued a prolonged boycott of classes at a private university, demanding radical reforms in the school's administration.

Today was the deadline set by the Education Ministry for 4,600 students to return to classes or face the year at King Sejong University, where left-wing students have been leading a class boycott since April.

About 800 riot police, acting on a request from school authorities, blocked all gates to the campus today and allowed in only students who promised to

attend classes. Some students shouted angrily, protesting the police blockade.

About 2,000 students were permitted to enter the school grounds. But once inside, they quickly organised a protest rally urging school authorities to accept their demands.

Hundreds of students surrounded Education Minister Chung Won-shik's car as he arrived to inspect the situation. Some kicked his car, and one student jumped up and down on top of it.

Chung stayed in the car and left 20 minutes later with the help of aides and school officials.

Officials said the deadline for passing classes could not legally be changed. By law, students must receive at least 14 weeks of education in each semester, and there will be no way to meet that requirement after today.

Students who continue to boycott classes after today will have to repeat a semester to graduate, the officials said. If a majority of students bave to repeat, the school will not be able to accommodate new freshmen next year, they said.

Education Ministry officials said it is certain that a large number of King Sejong students will be flunked.

the Philippines' regional committee, headed by former Roman Catholic priest Frank Fernandez.

He said the hostages were being held somewhere in the towns of Murcia and Kanlon. "But they have the capability to move them around surreptitiously and we do not discount the fact that they may have been moved somewhere else."

De Villa last week ordered a halt on all military operations in the area to allow civilians to negotiate with the guerrillas of the 19,000-strong NPA, which has been waging a 21-year insurgency in the Philippines.

Asked if Mizuno and Swanson were still alive, he said, "To the best of our knowledge they are still alive as of this time."

Meanwhile, three people were killed today when government and rebel forces clashed on Negros island, where communist guerrillas are holding a US Peace Corps volunteer and a Japanese aid worker.

A rich landlord and known anti-communist businessman, like Ballesteros, and his militia guard were killed when New People's Army rebels opened fire on their car in Toboso, 500 kms (310 miles) south-east of Manila, a military report said.

One of 30 insurgents was also killed during the ambush, the report said.

In Murcia town, 50 kms (30 miles) west of Toboso, soldiers exchanged fire with rebels but there were no immediate reports of casualties, the military said.

Marxist rebels are holding Timothy Swanson of the United States and Fumio Mizuno of Japan in Negros for questioning in alleged counterinsurgency activities.

A statement purportedly from the abductors said last week that both would be freed this month after they were cleared of charges.

Fighting between troops and insurgents has continued in Negros Occidental province despite a unilateral ceasefire declared by the military.

9 killed

in Manila highway robberies

SAN FERNANDO, Philippines, July 10, (AP): Thieves lobbed a grenade into a packed jeep taxi after one passenger resisted their demands, killing six passengers and wounding six, the military said today.

Two of the three robbers were killed in a shootout with police and the third, age 18, was arrested, a military official said.

The incident took place late yesterday outside Macabebe town in Pampanga Province, 48 kilometres (30 miles) northwest of Manila, said Philippine constabulary provincial commander Lt Col Ramsey Ocampo.

Ocampo said the gunmen announced a holdup inside the "jeepney," an elongated jeep unique to the Philippines, as it cruised along an isolated portion of the national highway.

One of the 17 passengers resisted and a fight ensued, the military said. In the confusion, one of the robbers cut the neck of his 15-year-old accomplice.

The group then jumped from the jeep and tossed the grenade into the jeep, the military said.

Police from a nearby outpost chased the fleeing assailants, killed two of them and capturing one after a brief exchange of fire, Ocampo said. A few pieces of jewellery and 1,450 pesos (\$63) were recovered, he added.

In a separate bus hijack yesterday one of three robbers was killed after police clashed with the group along a major highway in Guiguinto town in nearby Bulacan Province, a military report said.

Robberies have become rampant in recent months along the major highway from Manila to the northern provinces.

Controversy over Japan royal photo

TOKYO, July 10, (AP): A senior government spokesman expressed support yesterday for a candid photo of the newly wed prince and princess that has been strongly criticised by the imperial palace as inappropriate, news reports said.

The widely published photograph, taken during an official photo session after the June 29 wedding of Princess Kiko and Prince Akishino, Emperor Akihito's youngest son, shows the new princess straitening her husband's hair.

Palace officials withdrew authorisation for the photo, saying it was taken at an "inappropriate time" and was not a formal portrait, as had been commissioned.

But chief cabinet spokesman Misao Sakamoto, in a regular news conference, called the photo "natural" and said, "I think it gives a sense of intimacy."

Carter appeals to end civil wars

Guest speaker at OAU summit in Ethiopia

ADDIS ABABA, July 10, (Reuters): Former US President Jimmy Carter appealed to African leaders today to end civil wars which he said were blinding efforts to improve the quality of life in the world's poorest continent.

Carter, a guest speaker at the Organisation of African Unity (OAU) annual summit in Addis Ababa, said international organisations such as the OAU or the United Nations were often powerless to intervene in internal conflicts and leaders had to make the effort to end conflicts themselves.

"Efforts to improve the quality of life, to save children's lives, are all prevented by the massive civil wars that afflict this continent," Carter said.

Along with former Tanzanian president Julius Nyerere, Carter has been mediating in Africa's longest-running civil war, between the Ethiopian government and the Eritrean People's Liberation Front (EPLF).

Preliminary peace talks began last year but the EPLF, which is fighting for the independence of the Red Sea province of Eritrea, is currently refusing to return to the negotiating table.

Carter, who has expressed disappointment at the stalling of talks, was to meet Ethiopian President Mengistu Haile Mariam after his address to the OAU.

Nelson Mandela, suffering from a heavy cold, cancelled all engagements and took a day off today from the annual Organisation

of African Unity summit which he is attending as a star guest.

A spokesman for the African National Congress (ANC) said Mandela would attend again tomorrow.

Asked about worries that a gruelling tour of the United States and Europe had left Mandela, 72 next week, exhausted, he replied: "It is just a cold. He is resting today."

When he addressed the opening session of the OAU yesterday, Mandela looked tired and frail. He wore a heavy black overcoat throughout the opening session, taking it off briefly while he stood at the podium but replacing it when he finished speaking.

Mandela, given a hero's reception at a summit of African leaders, declared yesterday that South Africa's apartheid racial segregation system would soon disappear into history.

"The days of apartheid crime are numbered," he told the opening session.

As had been widely expected, the summit elected Ugandan President Yoweri Museveni as the OAU's new chairman, succeeding Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak.

Museveni, 46, was proposed by Mubarak at the start of the summit and his election confirmed by a round of applause.

Setting out the summit agenda, host President Mengistu Haile Mariam of Ethiopia described recent reforms by South African President F.W. de Klerk as positive,

but said they were not enough.

Museveni, elected chairman yesterday, told heads of state that Africa must snap out of economic complacency if it wants to survive in today's economic climate.

"We are being condemned to perpetual dependence on a world market where we have little or no influence at all," he said in his inaugural speech.

"There can be no isolation, there must be interaction. This decade should close the era of institutionalised colonialism in Africa," Museveni said.

The need to bolster Africa's economic performance and fear of aid competition from Eastern Europe topped most speakers' agenda yesterday.

Mengistu, who opened proceedings, spoke of the fear that last year's political revolutions behind the iron curtain would divert Western aid away from Africa.

These changes, he said, "have created concern that these developments would lead to the drawing of attention away from the economic needs of developing countries. The developed West already appears to be shifting its attention more towards East European countries," he added.

Taking his lead from resolutions prepared by foreign ministers of the OAU, Mengistu said loss of aid could only be combatted by greater co-operation between African nations.

Malaysia holds 4 for Sabah coup bid

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia, July 10. (AP) Police said yesterday they have detained four people who were allegedly involved in a plot to seize power in Sabah state and pull it out of the Malaysian Federation.

Investigations so far show one European mercenary was also involved in the plot. Abdul Rahim Mohammad Noor, the deputy inspector general of police, made the disclosures at a news conference. He did not name the mercenary or say who was behind the alleged plot.

A senior police officer, a former police sergeant, a former police constable and one other Sabahan were being held under the internal security act, which allows indefinite detention without trial, he said.

The alleged plotters had opened a bank account in Hong Kong with \$318,000 US to pay for expenses, including recruitment of mercenaries, to seize Sabah, located on the island of Borneo.

Documents seized included plans to form a secret Sabah armed force, the secret army's plans to seize power, and aerial photographs of military bases, police complexes and strategic establishments in Sabah. Police also seized an invoice for \$9,940 West German marks (\$36,327) for the purchase of bugging equipment from a West German company in Hamburg, Abdul Rahim added.

Abdul Rahim said assistant superintendent of police Abdul Rahman Ahmad, 51, was detained June 7 at the police headquarters in Kota Kinabalu, Sabah's capital, 1,460 kilometres (910 miles) east of Kuala Lumpur.

He said Abdul Rahman had been in the payroll of the conspirators for 2 1/2 years.

Police began investigations when a man belonging to the group volunteered information in 1987, Abdul Rahim said. The arrested man later was released and supplied information on the plotters' activities, he said.

Sabah, a former British colony, is a 74,398 square kilometre (28,725 square mile) state rich in oil, gas, timber, cocoa, palm oil, rubber and other resources.

It joined the Malaysian Federation in 1963.

Sabah has scheduled state legislative elections next week.

Swoop on Indonesia extremists

JAKARTA, July 10. (UPI) Security authorities in Indonesia's largely Islamic western province of Aceh said today they have arrested as many as 50 people believed to be members of an extremist movement that allegedly killed a number of people in the past three weeks.

Armed forces commander Gen Try Sutrisno announced the arrests during a working session with parliamentarians and said military authorities also seized four guns and four grenades from the alleged extremists.

He said a number of shooting incidents have taken place in the province of Aceh, believed carried out by the Security Disturbance Movement or GPK.

Earlier reports said military authorities shot and killed three extremists including a leader identified as Yusuf Ab, during a raid in the province.

Sutrisno said the violence in Aceh was purely criminal and there were no political motives behind the actions.

He added that the situation in the province returned to normal following the encounters and the killing of a number of the movement's leaders.

Meanwhile, a spokesman for the Bukit Barisan military command in North Sumatra, Lt Col Achmad Sudjati, denied a report about a growing exodus of Javanese settlers from the province of Aceh because of the security disturbance activities.

The settlers, who had settled in the Aceh districts under a government transmigration programme designed to ease population problems in Java, left their villages after the circulation of unsigned, written threats.

300 arrive in East Germany looking for better economic opportunities

Soviet Jews seek sanctuary on German soil

AHRENSFELDE, East Germany, July 10. (AP) Three months ago, East Germany's new democratic government invited Jews world-wide to return to the land where they once faced Nazi persecution.

Since then, hundreds of Soviet Jews who say they are facing a resurgence of anti-Semitism at home have taken the government up on its offer and are seeking sanctuary on German soil.

Now, the government says Soviet Jews may not qualify for refugee status under the immigration laws East Germany is likely to enact as it unifies with West Germany.

"We are no longer a state that

can decide its own affairs," said Gabriela Lubenda, an official in the foreign affairs office of Prime Minister Lothar de Maiziere.

The situation has caused some soul-searching in East Germany, which has had to close its doors to foreigners from some countries and changed its relationship with others as it realigns its loyalties and laws to mesh with West Germany's.

The government has avoided any decision on the Soviet Jews who have been entering the country on tourist visas and declaring their intention to stay permanently.

More than 300 Soviet Jews

have arrived in the country, most of them at the invitation of the small East German Jewish community said community spokeswoman Irene Runge.

Scores have been put up in a church in Ahrensfelde, a small town about 25 kilometres (16 miles) north of Berlin, and hundreds of others are staying in buildings in Potsdam, Halle and Magdeburg.

Klaus Pritzkeleit, another official in the foreign affairs office, said he believes up to 380 Soviet Jews are in the country.

The Soviet Jews began arriving after East Germany's first democratic government apologized for the holocaust.

"Jews in all the world and the people of Israel are asked to forgive us for the wrong they experienced. Persecuted Jews should be granted asylum in the future in East Germany," said a resolution passed by Parliament in April during its first session.

Ms Runge said her community is now challenging the government to make good on its promise and would continue to invite Soviet Jews to the country.

"Let the Jews come back," she said. "We think it's only normal that Jews can come back here."

She said those who have arrived are seeking permanent residency, which would allow them to work.

"They can't go to America because of the quota system," she said. "They can't go to other countries because it's too complicated, and a lot of them don't want to go to Israel."

Pritzkeleit said the situation is a "politically sensitive topic" because of the lack of housing and jobs for East Germans facing economic hardship caused by the transition to a free-market economy in preparation for full unification with West Germany.

Several of the Soviet Jews living in the brown-brick church in Ahrensfelde say they are not only fleeing a rise in anti-Semitism in the Soviet Union, but seeking better economic opportunities.

Marina and Mark, a married couple from the Ukrainian city of Chernowitz, asked their last name not be used because they said they feared reprisals against their relatives in the Soviet Union.

The woman, a 33-year-old doctor, and her husband, 38, a computer programmer, said there are hidden job and university quotas that keep the number of Jews to a minimum.

They also cited better economic opportunities in the West, and said they had no desire to live in Israel.

"We want to live in Germany," said the woman. "It is a paradox," said the man.

Cheney holding talks in Ankara

ANKARA, July 10. (Reuters) US Defence Secretary Dick Cheney was holding talks in Ankara today, likely to be dominated by Turkey's concern over a new military bases pact with Greece.

"We in the United States greatly value our friendship with Turkey and our common efforts to safeguard the ideals that we hold so dear," Cheney, on the final leg of a tour of some NATO flank countries, said in an arrival statement last night.

He is scheduled to meet President Turgut Ozal, Prime Minister Yildirim Akbulut, Defence Minister Safa Giray and General Necip Torumtay, chief of the Turkish General Staff.

Mainly Muslim but secular Turkey fears that NATO's importance may be diluted with the end of the cold war. Ankara views membership as a symbol of its being part of the West.

Before Cheney arrived from Greece, Turkey sought an explanation from Washington for the US-Greek base agreement, signed on Sunday, which it said was open to misuse by Athens.

Turkey, whose own defence and economic agreement with Washington is due for renewal next year, has been at political odds with Greece over Cyprus and rights in the Aegean Sea.

It said it was "inconsistent and nonsense" to seek a security guarantee from one NATO member against another member of the alliance.

"We regard this (agreement) as quite serious because it is open to interpretation," a Turkish Foreign Ministry official said.

"We will be evaluating it over the next couple of days but the problem will probably go on," the source said, adding that the issue would be a major topic in talks with Cheney.

The US State Department sought to soothe Turkey's concern, saying the agreement was consistent with the undertakings and commitments of the North Atlantic Treaty and was not directed against any party to that treaty.

"Basically as regards Turkey, I would say the agreement is totally consistent, in letter and in spirit, with the undertakings and commitments of the North Atlantic Treaty," US State Department spokesman Richard Boucher told reporters.

"Therefore, it's obviously not directly against any party to that treaty," he said.

Greece's new conservative government and the United States on Sunday signed in Athens an eight-year agreement providing Greece with more than \$1 billion worth of arms in return for the continued operation of American military bases in that country.

Turkey sought an explanation from Washington yesterday for the new agreement, which it said was open to misuse.

Describing the United States as "extremely pleased" with the Greek bases pact, Boucher said it "represents a continuation of a relationship which we believe has been in the mutual interest of both our countries."

A new radar-jamming defence system for US Navy fighter jets has passed laboratory tests but no decision has been made on whether to buy more of the devices, the Defence Department said yesterday.

Defence official confirmed reports that initial production of 100 of the controversial units was begun last year despite problems in flight tests. But they said further orders awaited a full review of the \$3 billion-plus programme.

Pentagon spokeswoman Susan Hansen told Reuters that the most recent lab tests on the devices were very positive, but further flight testing and production would await a review by the Pentagon's defence acquisition board later this summer. (Reuters)

Disco bombing suspect held

HAMBURG, West Germany, July 10. (Reuters) A suspect in the 1986 West Berlin disco bombing that killed an American soldier and prompted the US air raid on Libya is being held in West Berlin, a West German magazine said today.

The man with an Arab name was being held on an unrelated charge and was heavily guarded for fear of attack. Stern magazine said in its latest edition.

It said the identity of the man was being kept secret because he was a potential key witness in the investigation.

Official comment on the report was not immediately available. The bombing of the crowded "La Belle" discotheque in West Berlin in 1986 killed one US soldier and a Turkish woman.

Gorbachev retains party leadership

Voting for general secretary first time in Soviet history

MOSCOW, July 10. (Agencies) Mikhail Gorbachev retained the Soviet Communist Party leadership in a one-sided contest with a Siberian coalminers' leader today, after bluntly telling the party it must reform or fall by the wayside.

The post of General Secretary went to a vote for the first time in history after Gorbachev, rounding angrily on hard-line communist critics including military elements, told them any thought they might have of imposing a dictatorship was "crazy."

With democratic procedures transforming the party at its make-or-

break 28th Congress, seven candidates were pushed forward to oppose Gorbachev for the leadership post he has held for the past five years.

Six of them, mostly close allies of the Soviet leader, immediately withdrew, leaving only Teimuraz Avaliani, a mining engineer who helped lead strikes in the Siberian coalfields last year and is now party leader in the town of Kiselyovsk.

"Given a simple soldier can become a marshal," Avaliani told a questioner at the Congress. "When Margaret Thatcher became (Britain's) prime minister, everyone was surprised. But now she rates

much higher than those who were born to be prime ministers."

The nomination of Avaliani, 58, gained irony from the fact that coalminers plan to stage another one-day strike tomorrow to demand the resignation of the government, although he is not directly involved this time.

Gorbachev, accepting his own nomination, warned the Congress that if elected he would want sweeping changes in party ranks.

"I think we need very serious changes in the central committee and at the local level. You should be aware of that before you vote," he said.

Earlier, in a fighting speech, which supporters said had changed the hitherto dominant conservative tone of the Congress, Gorbachev raised the spectre of a right-wing push as he told his hard-line foes they could not turn the clock back.

"There is no way to bring yesterday back," he declared. "No dictatorship, if someone has this crazy idea in his head, can resolve anything."

It was his first reference in a major public speech to warnings from liberals that some military figures, disgruntled at the decline of the party and world-wide collapse of communism, could be pondering an attempt to take power.

A group of Congress delegates and parliamentarians said in an open letter last week that recent military criticism of Kremlin policies had left the progressive public with the feeling that "dictatorship is knocking at the door."

Gorbachev, summing up a week of debate on the keynote speech he delivered when the Congress opened on July 2, rebuffed charges by military hardliners that he had made concessions to the West and let communism founder in Eastern Europe.

"People are asking if our policy not to interfere in the processes in Eastern Europe was correct. Well, do you want tanks again?" he asked, his voice rising to an emotional pitch.

"Shall we teach them again how to live?"

There was silence when he challenged critics to say the Kremlin had been wrong when it withdrew its troops from Afghanistan in 1988 and 1989.

There was another face-off when delegates applauded as Gorbachev quoted comments by a party official that he should stop travelling abroad and focus on problems at home.

"Do you think that is right, then?" he asked, looking up angrily at the hall. "If we are at such a level of thinking, it is a disaster."

Gorbachev insisted that his perestroika reform programme was the only way the party could avoid being pushed to the edge of the Soviet political scene.

Meanwhile radical journalist Mikhail Pollorainin, a close ally of Kremlin maverick Boris Yeltsin, today was elected minister for the media of the Russian Federation, the Soviet Union's largest republic.

Pollorainin, 51, was one of six ministers approved by the federation's parliament for the new-style cabinet of Russian Prime Minister Ivan Silayev, who has already presented a programme for a rapid move into market economics.

Coal miners challenge Gorbachev with strike

KEMEROVO, Soviet Union, July 10. (Reuters) Coal miners across the Soviet Union pledged today to go ahead with a political protest strike tomorrow, in a direct challenge to President Mikhail Gorbachev.

Strike leaders in Kemerovo, heart of the giant Siberian Kuzbass field, said 200,000 workers at 60 mines would begin a 24-hour strike from midnight. Other stoppages were planned in the Ukraine's Donbass field and in Vorkuta in the far north.

At a crucial Communist Party congress in Moscow, Kemerovo party chief Teimuraz Avaliani challenged Gorbachev for leadership of the party. He stood virtually no chance of success but his candidature highlighted the miners' campaign.

"After a year of lies, the mines are ready to deal with the government from a position of strength," the head of the Union of Kuzbass Workers Committee Vyacheslav Golikov said.

"Now it is clear to all of us that without political change there is no hope for economic demands," he added.

Strikes swept through Soviet coal fields last summer, paralysing the industry and costing the country billions of roubles (dollars).

The dispute ended when the government promised improved conditions, but strikers insist it has failed to honour its pledges to improve supplies of goods ranging from soap to food and clothes.

The campaign has quickly escalated to demands for an end to Communist Party control, to mines and factories, and for the nationalisation of the party's property.

Gorbachev on Sunday appealed to the coal miners not to strike, warning they could lead the country into chaos, and hinted they were being manipulated by forces hostile to his perestroika reforms.

Strike committees said 18 out of 13 Vorkuta mines were expected to stop work tomorrow. In the Donbass field 124 mines would strike for 24 hours and 110 for two hours or a complete shift of eight hours.

In Kemerovo, a small town dominated by the pitheads that encircle it, Gorbachev's appeal seemed to have been ignored.

Shops sparsely stocked with meat, vegetables and dairy products seemed no worse off than Moscow's stores, but local journalists said supplies had dwindled in recent months.



A stroller passes some lying around wall segments near a newly opened crossing point in East Berlin. (Reuters wirephoto)

GDR still doubts Nato's strategy

Meckel meets Woerner

BRUSSELS, July 10. (Reuters) East German Foreign Minister Markus Meckel said after visiting Nato today that he was still concerned about its strategy, despite encouraging signs from last week's London summit.

Meckel, the first minister from the Warsaw Pact's frontline state to visit Nato headquarters, also said Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze had written to his colleagues in the Warsaw Pact member nations seeking their reaction to the Western alliance's plans for change.

"The result of the London summit is an important sign of change in Nato," Meckel told reporters after more than an hour of talks with Nato Secretary-General Manfred Woerner and senior officials.

The 16-nation Nato decided last week in London to offer a peace declaration to Warsaw Pact members and to adopt its nuclear and conventional arms strategy now that "the cold war is over."

But Meckel, whose country is soon to be united with West Germany, said he had received no answers to precise questions about nuclear weapons and strategy changes and said he wanted to see a nuclear-free united Germany.

Meckel said he wanted all short-range nuclear forces in Europe removed and was worried about plans to deploy a new US tactical air-to-surface missile in the mid-1990s.

"There is a great aversion in East Germany to a united Germany's membership of Nato," he said.

Moscow has also resisted Western demands that a united Germany

should be a full member of Nato. Woerner replied that he was sure Meckel could convince the East Germans that Nato was not a threat, but "a factor for stability and security."

On the question of nuclear weapons, Woerner said Nato was willing to start talks with Moscow on reducing short-range arms as soon as a Vienna treaty on cutting conventional forces in Europe (CFE) is signed.

But Woerner did not specifically refer to the new missile issue, which threatens to divide the alliance. Bonn has said it will not take the missiles on its territory, while Britain and the United States want them based in a united Germany.

Meckel is the latest foreign minister from a Warsaw Pact country to visit Nato headquarters. Shevardnadze was the first last December and was followed by his counterparts from Poland, Czechoslovakia and Hungary.

East Germans are cursing, cheating and even beating foreigners in the belief that a free society means "it's OK to be racist," a senior East Berlin official said yesterday.

Anetta Kahane, in charge of affairs of foreigners in the East Berlin city government, said xenophobia was rising with a recent influx of migrants expecting prosperity in accompany the pending unification of East and West Germany.

East Germany's conservative Christian Democrats (CDU), in a bizarre twist of history, are trying to ensure that communists win seats in a unified German Parliament.



Soviet populist leader Boris Yeltsin grimaces during President Mikhail Gorbachev's speech at the Soviet Communist Party congress yesterday. Delegates began to mutter as Gorbachev stressed the need for economic reforms, including price rises and agriculture changes. (Reuters wirephoto)

Bulgaria opens first free house

Nationalists protest

VELIKO TURNOVO, Bulgaria, July 10. (Reuters) Bulgaria's first freely elected Parliament for 45 years opened today despite attempts by nationalist protesters to prevent ethnic Turkish deputies from reaching the building.

Four hundred newly-elected deputies crowded into the dilapidated Parliament building in this northern medieval town, seat of the country's first grand national assembly 111 years ago, for the ceremonial opening.

"This assembly has been called by history to lay the base of a new, free, Bulgaria," said 71-year-old deputy Iosiph Petrov, the oldest Member of Parliament, who formally opened the session.

Shortly before, some 200 nationalist protesters blocked roads to the city centre in an attempt to prevent the arrival of 23 deputies from the movement of rights and freedoms, which represents the country's 1.5 million strong Turkish minority.

Protesters carried national flags and shouted "Bulgaria, Bulgaria" and "we don't want another Cyprus." Some rocked cars bringing foreign diplomats from Sofia to attend the opening.

A large force of police and feared Red Beret paramilitary squads cleared an alternative route to the Parliament and no violence was reported.

The symbolic opening session, which lasted just 45 minutes, followed a week of political

upheaval and public dissent.

President Petar Mladenov, who ousted longtime leader Todor Zhivkov in November, resigned on Friday under opposition pressure over an amateur videotape that showed him calling for tanks to quell an anti-communist protest in December.

Hundreds of intellectuals have vowed to stay camped outside the presidential offices in central Sofia until a date is set for a public trial of Zhivkov and details of the wealth of the ruling party and its leaders are revealed.

The main task of the assembly will be to draft a new constitution. It will have 18 months to complete the work and can then decide whether to dissolve itself or carry on.

In addition to deciding on how to elect a president, the new Parliament will have to look into "all irregularities and violations of the electoral law," said Alexander Lilov, chairman of the ruling Socialist Party.

"The time of the totalitarian Parliament is over," Lilov said. "Now is the time of the democratic Parliament."

Bulgaria held its first free elections in 58 years last month, but the Socialists were accused by opposition activists of manipulating election results.

The central electoral commission received numerous complaints about irregularities, but declared the elections were free and fair.

Chea Sim emerges as political power broker of embattled govt in Phnom Penh

PHNOM PENH, July 10. (Reuters) The small, energetic figure of Chea Sim is never spotted in the carpeted halls of international conferences struggling to end the bloodshed in Cambodia.

But diplomats say Chea Sim, 58, has established himself as the political power broker of the embattled government in Phnom Penh as it fights Khmer Rouge guerrillas for the right to rule.

They said the hand of Chea Sim, formally number two in the ruling Communist Party and chairman of the National Assembly, was shown in political manoeuvring in the past month from which he appeared to emerge in a strengthened position.

The in-fighting ended in charges of a coup attempt and the detention of at least one minister and several officials close to Prime Minister Hun Sen, who is nearly 20 years Chea Sim's junior and the leadership's best-known figure abroad.

But the government is still under enormous pressure. After losing the backing of Vietnamese troops last September, it has failed to break its isolation from the West and sees waning support from the Soviet Union.

In the country's civil war, Khmer Rouge guerrillas are pushing closer to the cities.

Official accounts of Chea Sim's life say he was born in Svey Rieng province bordering Vietnam and cut his

revolutionary teeth in the armed struggle against France, then the colonial power in Cambodia, joining jungle fighters in 1952 at the age of 20.

He later served the Khmer Rouge but joined Hun Sen and others in abandoning the radical movement and escaping to Vietnam as Cambodia went through its most ferocious internal rule.

Chea Sim was a member of the Vietnamese-backed group that came in on the heels of Vietnam's 1978 invasion to clean up the wreckage left by Pol Pot. He solidified his political base when serving as interior minister.

While many Cambodians despise Chea Sim as a hard-line communist politician, he is not generally seen as pro-

Vietnamese amongst his supporters in Phnom Penh.

Within the ruling Kampuchean People's Revolutionary Party (KPRP), Cambodian sources say he wields far greater power than general secretary Heng Samrin, described by diplomats as "no more than a figurehead."

It is not believed that he opposed the liberalising of economic and social life that brought a new vigour to the slum-like streets of Phnom Penh, although he may favour tighter central control than Hun Sen, diplomats said.

Reports filtering through the wall of secrecy surrounding the government indicate recent personnel changes would have favoured the wily politician.

NEWS IN BRIEF

America

Pass abortion bill: The Louisiana legislature has passed the strictest state abortion bill in the nation, a measure that threatens doctors who perform abortions with up to 10 years at hard labour.

The state Senate earlier had failed to override Gov. Buddy Roemer's veto of an even harsher bill that would have restricted abortion even in cases of rape and incest.

If the governor signs it, it will be the strictest state abortion law in the nation. Pennsylvania currently has the strictest state abortion law. (AP)

Abortion rate constant: Although the total number of US abortions and the rate of abortions among American women has remained relatively constant, more married women are getting abortions, according to a new survey.

The US Centers for Disease Control (CDC) reported that more than 27 per cent of all legal abortions performed in 1978 — the most recent year for which figures are available — were performed on married women. That is up from 19.3 per cent in 1965. (Kuna)

Quake rattles California: An earthquake jolted parts of the northern Baja California desert in Mexico early Monday, but there were no reports of damage or injury, seismologists said.

The quake, measuring 3.7 on the Richter scale, was reported at 3:45 am and was centred about 25 miles (40 km) southeast of El Centro, a town on the US side of the US-Mexican border, said Bob Finn, spokesman for the Caltech seismology laboratory in Pasadena.

Authorities in the Imperial County town of Calexico, about 10 miles (15 km) north of the epicentre near the Sonoran desert community of Bataque, reported feeling the quake. (UPI)

Refuses to free reporter: The Supreme Court said it would not free a Texas television reporter serving a six-month jail term for refusing to reveal the name of a confidential source.

The justices, by a 7-2 vote Monday, rejected an emergency request by reporter Brian Karen of K-met-TV in San Antonio.

Only justices William J. Brennan and Thurgood Marshall voted to grant Karen's request that he be freed pending his appeal of the judge's contempt order that led to his jailing. (AP)

Christian Science inquest: Christian Science officials contributed to the death of Robyn Twichell by discouraging his parents from calling a doctor, an inquest concluded three years ago.

David and Ginger Twichell, lifelong Christian Scientists, were convicted Wednesday of manslaughter in the April 1986 death of 1-1/2-year-old Robyn, by relying solely on prayer to treat the boy during a five-day illness.

They were sentenced to 10 years' probation on Friday and ordered to take their three remaining children for regular medical exams. (AP)

Investigators delayed probe: Two weeks after a pregnant FBI informant was slain last year, state police had evidence that a federal agent was her lover and to take their three remaining children for regular medical exams. (AP)

But eight months went by before investigators focused their probe on former FBI special agent Mark Putnam. He confessed last month to strangling Susan Daniels Smith on June 8, 1989, during a dispute over her expected child. (AP)

McMartin deliberations: A jury began deliberations in a day-care provider's second molestation trial Monday after the judge told jurors they must not consider public opinion in deciding charges involving the defunct McMartin pre-school.

Superior Court Judge Stanley Weisberg placed the case in the jury's hands after delivering 30 minutes of legal instructions.

Raymond Buckley, 32, is being tried for the second time on eight counts of child molestation at the now-demolished school his family owned in Manhattan beach. He took the stand in both trials in deny he ever molested children. (AP)

Americans praised: Patriarch Dimitrios I, spiritual leader of eastern Orthodox Christians, praised Americans on Monday for "almost childlike simplicity and optimism" and urged them to continue true, righteous and good works.

The 75-year-old patriarch, who lives in Istanbul, Turkey, is on the first trip ever made to America by anyone in his centuries-old office. It commands the loyalty of 250 million orthodox around the world, most of them in Eastern Europe. (AP)

Asia

Seoul to reach for star: South Korea will join the growing number of Asian nations reaching for the stars, according to plans revealed recently.

Between now and early next century South Korea intends to develop its own space programme, and in have its first satellite in orbit by 1993.

The goal of the programme is for South Korea to acquire the high-tech skills and knowledge required to build its own satellites and launch them aboard its own rockets. As did Taiwan, which unveiled a similar programme last year. South Korea stresses that its ambitions are limited to the peaceful uses of space. (Kuna)

MIA experts go to Hanoi: A six-man US military team headed to Hanoi Tuesday, ending two months of delays in technical talks to improve co-operation in resolving the fates of more than 1,600 US soldiers missing in Vietnam, a US embassy spokesman said.

The US delegation was set to start three days of talks soon after their arrival in Hanoi, spokesman Neil Klopferstein said. (UPI)



A Kanastake Reserve Mohawk affixes baited wire at their barricade outside the small town north of Montreal, on Monday. They are trying to prevent expansion of a golf course onto land they consider theirs. (Reuters wirephoto)



Prime Minister Bob Hawke relaxes in front of the fire at his Canberra residence, The Lodge, yesterday as he marks his 26th birthday in office, becoming Australia's second longest serving Prime Minister. (Reuters wirephoto)



Spanish Crown Prince Felipe (right) inspects a freshwater crocodile held by farm manager Nik Robinson (left) as managing director John Bache (centre) looks on, in Australia. (Reuters wirephoto)

Barbara jumps Rat scares

HOUSTON, July 10, (AP) — First Lady Barbara Bush has disclosed that she once had to share the White House swimming pool with a "horrible" rat.

"It did not look like a Walt Disney rat, I'll tell you that," Barbara told the Houston Post newspaper in an interview published today. "I was out of that pool so much faster than I thought I could."

But President George Bush was on hand to come to her rescue during the incident a few months ago.

"I swam with a mask, and it just went right by in front of me. Fortunately, George Bush was there and drowned the beast. It was horrible," she said.

Barbara said the confrontation with the rodent was her worst memory from her 18 months in the White House. She swims daily for exercise in the heated pool.

She also said her husband has been "tickled pink" by the hospitality his adopted home town of Houston has shown his international guests here for the economic summit.

"It's so wonderful, George is tickled pink," she said.

She said both she and her husband believe it was important for the world leaders to see the United States between its two coasts.

Illegal immigrants held: Taiwanese police have arrested some 1,500 illegal immigrants from China since the government tightened coastal patrols in June, the Ministry of National Defence said.

Ministry officials said, in an oral report to Premier Han Pei-Tsun Monday, that police repatriated 1,344 Chinese illegal entrants and fishermen to the Mainland between June 1 and July 7. Another 205 remain in custody for further questioning.

Growing numbers of Chinese have flocked to Taiwan to seek jobs since the nationalist government lifted martial law in July 1987 and eased stringent patrols of Taiwan's coastlines. (UPI)

Nuke ship sets sail: Japan's first nuclear-powered ship finally weighed anchor and headed out to sea on Tuesday after a 16-year delay marked by cost overruns, mechanical failures and anti-nuclear protests.

The 180-metre (486-foot) Mutsu left its home port of Sekinehama in northeastern Japan more than 20 years after it was launched.

Some two hundred government officials, crew members and their families turned out to wave the ship off in a formal ceremony attended by a handful of anti-nuclear activists. (Reuters)

Japan mission for France: A four-party Japanese mission will leave Tokyo Tuesday on a 16-day tour to France, Britain and West Germany, it was officially announced in Tokyo. The ten-man mission, will be chaired by the secretary-general of the ruling Liberal Democratic Party, Ichiro Ozawa that also includes three opposition party members.

Observers in Tokyo said that it was unusual that the ruling and opposition parties take part in one mission outside Japan.

An official spokesman said that the Japanese mission will study the election regulations and economic and political situations in these countries. (Kuna)

Development hindered: Prime Minister Mahabir Mohamad said Monday that developed countries designate developing nations as "newly industrialised countries" merely to retard their growth.

That designation brings revaluation of the NIC's currency, imposition of quotas on its exports, withdrawal of tariff preferences and judgement of its human and workers' rights performance, Mahabir said.

The concept was devised to ensure that no other Asian country emerged as a "powerhouse" like Japan, the prime minister said on a currency affairs programme on Television Malaysia. (AP)

SA hunt for bombers: Police hunted Monday for members of the white Liberation Army after the group claimed responsibility for a bombing that injured 27 blacks and threatened to attack again.

Also, four more white men have been arrested in an investigation of recent bomb attacks aimed at blacks and whites who oppose apartheid, according to police and news reports.

Three of the men appeared briefly in the Johannesburg magistrate court on Monday in connection with the possession of weapons, although they have not been charged with any crime. (AP)

Extra cash to black schools: The South African government pledged extra cash for the country's crisis-hit black schools on Monday and offered talks with community leaders to get pupils back to their desks.

Stoffel van der Merwe, minister in charge of black education, said an extra eight million rand (\$3 million) would be spent immediately to end the school boycotts of books in black schools.

He also offered to strike a deal with township community groups which have repeatedly called for students to boycott classes until the government spends more money on black schools in the racially segregated education system.

"No preconditions are attached to my call for such a deal. It is completely open-ended," Van Der Merwe said in a speech to community leaders in the Orange free state mining town of Welkom, which has been badly hit by black school boycotts. (Reuters)

Unita prepared to sign truce: The Unita rebels in Angola named a new delegation to peace talks on Monday and said they were willing to sign a truce this month.

The talks about ending the 15-year-old civil war between the US-backed Unita rebels and Angola's communist government will be held this month in Portugal, Portuguese officials say.

A statement issued after a two-day meeting of the rebels' politburo at their bush headquarters at Jamba in southern Angola said a new six-man delegation would be headed by Jorge Valentim, Unita secretary for information.

"Unita ... is ready to sign a ceasefire during the next round of talks," the statement said.

The rebels' Lisbon representative, Gen. Paulo Mango, who has led delegations to two rounds of Portuguese-sponsored talks in April and June, was not included in the new list of negotiators. (AP)

Army major shot dead: Unidentified gunmen shot dead a Salvadoran army major on Monday in northwestern San Salvador, the armed forces said.

A military spokesman said Major Carlos Alfonso Figueroa Morales was shot dead in a machine gun attack early on Monday evening in the capital's Buenos Aires quarter.

He said Figueroa was a member of the armed forces general staff but gave no other details.

The attack took place as US Assistant Secretary of State for Latin American Affairs, Bernard Aronson, prepared to visit San Salvador on Tuesday to discuss peace talks between the rightist government and leftist rebels. (Reuters)

US condemns rebel call: The US Government on Monday condemned a call for stepped-up military action from leftist guerrillas in El Salvador.

The rebels said Saturday that a renewed offensive was needed to end El Salvador's long civil war.

"Cynicism and illogic underpin this appalling announcement," state department spokesman Richard Boucher said. "We condemn it unequivocally. There is no explanation or excuse for returning to violence."

Boucher said a renewed violence "would be the ultimate show of bad faith" and could destroy negotiations for a settlement of the war. (AP)

51 Albanians arrive in Prague, enjoy freedom

6,000 others wait at embassies in Tirana

VIENNA, July 10, (Agencies): Fifty-one Albanian refugees enjoyed their first day of freedom in Prague today as up to 6,000 others waited at embassies in Tirana to leave Europe's last hardline communist state.

Spokesmen for countries sheltering would-be asylum seekers in their Tirana embassies said they expected Albania to allow the refugees to leave later this week.

In Albania, the official media attacked the refugees, who stormed into foreign missions last week to flee their country.

The official news agency ATA, monitored in Vienna, said President Ramiz Alia received scores of letters and telegrams from citizens and

collectives expressing "their profound indignation at all those who seek to cause troubles in the peaceful life of our country."

The 51 Albanians who arrived in Prague today were allowed to leave after protracted negotiations between Albania and the Czechoslovak Foreign Ministry.

"It's unbelievable. It's like heaven," one told reporters.

The 51 who arrived in Prague were all the Albanians who had sought refuge in the Czechoslovak embassy. They left aboard Czechoslovak President Vaclav Havel's own Soviet-built TU-154 airplane and arrived at approximately 1.15 am (2315 GMT).



Albanian refugees make victory signs on the airport bus after arriving in Prague airport in Czech President Vaclav Havel's plane. (Reuters wirephoto)

All the refugees should be able to leave by the weekend, he said.

Refugees in the West German embassy were now filling in passport applications, which the Albanian authorities would process tomorrow.

The spokesman said Albanian authorities were "not uncooperative" but added that Tirana, which has long been wary of foreign assistance, had turned away emergency supplies

the continuous process of the country's democratisation.

"The act of some individuals who stormed the foreign embassies has nothing in common with the honour and dignity of the patriotic citizens," read a letter from the collective of the Institute of Nuclear Physics carried by ATA.

"The act of these hoodlums is an open attempt to hinder the process of democratisation, to create chaos, to stain Albania's reputation and its right to be free and sovereign. These attempts will fail."

In Vienna, Albania came under fire from European Economic Community states at European talks on security and co-operation.

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Yugoslavia may peacefully split apart: Jovic

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia, July 10, (AP) — President Boris Jovic said today that Yugoslavia may soon hold a national referendum that could result in the peaceful breakup of the fragile federation.

In a speech to a war veteran's congress, Jovic said that the different nationalities that make up Yugoslavia may soon be allowed to decide if they want to remain in a single country or split into different states.

The country's federation of six republics, two provinces and numerous ethnic groups is

threatened by open clashes among the republics' leaderships and rising nationalism that many Yugoslavs fear could escalate into civil war.

"The right of self-determination, including the right of secession, is a natural political right of each nationality, which no one can question," said Jovic.

"This also means that each of our peoples can decide to remain in the Yugoslav community or leave it," he said.

The outcome of an eventual nation-wide referendum on

secession "must be democratic and peaceful" since the different nationalities "will continue to live on these territories, and even if they do not remain in the same house, they must remain friends," Jovic said.

Yugoslavia's Communist Party and the country's presidency, headed by Jovic, continued to run the country on the federal level. Their authority, however, has been crippled since centre-right parties won free elections in the republics of Slovenia and Croatia earlier this year.

The newly-elected non-communist leaderships in the two westernmost regions demand that Yugoslavia transform itself into a loose confederation of semi-independent states, which would co-operate only if common interests are involved.

They have indicated that if their demands are not met by the new Yugoslav constitution that is currently being drafted, Slovenia and Croatia would secede from the rest of Yugoslavia.

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Shamir survives first no-trust vote

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, July 10, (Reuters): Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir's narrow right-wing government survived its first no-confidence vote without needing to transport a sick legislator from her hospital bed to do it.

It was the first test of survival for Shamir's Likud-led coalition formed on June 11, but there are certain to be more.

The government secured 60 votes last night while the dovish Labour Party and

its leftist opposition allies mustered 51. Five legislators abstained, including a confused Labour member who mistakenly pressed the wrong button.

Four others missed the vote, including an opposition member who agreed to stay away to offset the absence of the Likud member who was recovering from surgery. Shamir was prepared to send an ambulance for her if her vote had been necessary.

Monday's vote focused on a housing shortage and plans to set up civil guard units for settlers in the occupied West Bank. But Labour, which toppled Likud in March, is also expected to challenge the new government over its Middle East peace strategy.

Egypt's Ambassador to Israel, Mohamed Bassiouny, said peace between Israelis and Palestinians was impossible without the backing of the Palestine

Liberation Organisation, which the Jewish state brands a terrorist group.

"No one can deliver or reach a compromise without the support of (PLO leader) Yasser Arafat," he told US Jews.

Egypt, the only Arab nation to make peace with Israel, is a key mediator in peace efforts. Shamir, who balked at a US proposal for Israeli-Palestinian talks in Cairo, has urged President Hosni Mubarak to take the diplomatic initiative.

New arrivals will go to held areas

Sharon seeks Knesset approval for housing units

AMMAN, July 10, (Agencies): Israeli Construction and Housing Minister Ariel Sharon said the government has decided to accommodate the new arrivals of Soviet Jews in occupied Galilee, Wadi Ara, Jerusalem and Negev.

Reports from the occupied territories quoted Sharon as telling the Knesset or parliament that construction procedures should be eased to pave the way for the building of 8,500 housing units in addition to the 3,000 pre-fabricated units which would be imported by the government.

Israel is starting to run out of places to absorb a stream of Jewish immigrants pouring in from the Soviet Union, according to the Financial Times newspaper.

The daily said that with empty housing increasingly scarce and prices shooting up as a consequence, Israeli government officials are "scrambling to avert what would be a highly embarrassing breakdown in Tel Aviv's ability to accommodate the exodus."

The main business daily in Europe warned that there are around one million Soviet Jews already registered as wanting to emigrate and the Israeli consulate in Moscow processes 1,000 visas per day. Therefore the "immediate pressures are huge especially on housing."

The Financial Times emphasised that the issue is being watched with anxious interest by the Palestinians as well as the Arab states.

Hundreds of protesting Israelis, saying an influx of Soviet immigrants has driven rents through the roof, have become tent-dwellers like their Biblical forefathers.

The latest of 13 encampments set up in recent weeks sprang last night over a hillside below Israel's capital.

Families moved in among the olive trees, vowing to stay until their housing problems were solved.

"We will try to combine three elements. One is a protest, secondly to give an immediate solution to people about to be thrown onto the streets. Third, there are elements here of some kind of collective activity," spokesman Zvi Ben-Dor said.

Ben-Dor says immigration officials are subsidising the Soviet newcomers, paying landlords high rents a full year in advance — terms that individual tenants cannot match.

"We are not against (the immigrants) but ... they are going to make the housing problems that existed before more serious and more acute," he told reporters visiting the campsite.

Land-mine wounds 5 children

BEIRUT, July 10, (Agencies): A child playing soccer in a minefield set off an anti-armour land-mine today, wounding himself and four other children at the demarcation line of the divided Lebanese capital, police said.

Police said the incident occurred when a group of children entered the mined area along the Green Line between the Muslim neighbourhood of Shiyah and the Christian-populated Ain El Rummaneh quarter to play soccer.

The child who stepped on a mine lost his leg and four of his friends were badly wounded in the incident along the line dividing Christian East from Muslim West Beirut, police said.

An official of the pro-Syrian Amal militia was killed in south Lebanon today by a roadside bomb that blew up his car, security sources said.

They said Ahmed Salameh died instantly and his bodyguard was seriously wounded by the attack.



Adar (left) helps her older sister Sivan wash the dishes at a municipal water tap in their tent shantytown in Israel. (Reuters wirephoto)

Moscow condemns settlers

The Soviet Ambassador Yuri Fokine said yesterday his government has condemned the arrival of more Turkish settlers in the Turkish-occupied part of the war-divided island.

He told a news conference the Soviet position was expressed in a reply to last week's Cyprus government protest on March 12 called on all parties concerned "to refrain from any action that could aggravate the situation."

Actions like the increase of the number of mainland settlers "do not contribute to the establishment of the proper conditions for the settlement of the Cyprus problem," he added.

It is estimated there are about 50,000 Turkish settlers in North Cyprus. (AP)

US expert warns of war on water

A US expert in water resources in the Middle East has warned of a war in the region between Israel and two Arab countries as a result of Israeli ambitions in Arab water resources.

Thomas Naff, in interview with Lebanese daily Al Safir, published yesterday, said war could break out between Israel on one hand and Syria and Jordan on the other over water disputes particularly the dispute over the Al Wajida dam on the River Yarmouk which he considered as vital to Jordan.

He said Israel was claiming for 100 million cubic metres of Yarmouk waters and rejects any role by the United Nations in settling this conflict, adding the United States should assist Jordan to face the Israeli ambitions. (Kuna)

UN talks on Sahara fails

A five-day UN effort to make Morocco and the Polisario Front guerrillas bargain directly about the future of the disputed Western Sahara region ended in failure on Monday.

UN Secretary-General Perez de Cuellar said

last week he was pressing for the first direct talks between the two sides. However, Morocco had served word before its delegation left for Geneva that Rabat did not plan face-to-face meetings.

An expert mission to the former Spanish colony and neighbouring countries, originally hoped to leave shortly, likely will be delayed until the end of July, UN spokeswoman Nadia Younis said. (AP)

Iraq gets saltbush from Australia

Australia is sending seedling samples of river saltbush to Iraq, which hopes the drought-resistant plants will fight soil erosion and feed camels.

Clive Malcolm, research officer for the Western Australian Agricultural Department, recently returned from a two-week trip to Iraq, where he was an adviser to the United Nations' Food and Agriculture Organisation.

The saltbush, which grows in saline soil, is indigenous in the north of Western Australia state and has proven a successful feed for Australian sheep, he said. (AP)

Benjedd visits S. Arabia

Algerian President Chadli Benjedd arrived in Jeddah yesterday for a visit in Saudi Arabia, the Saudi Press Agency said.

The Qatar News Agency, in a report from Jeddah, said Chadli and King Fahd would discuss the Palestine problem and Lebanon, among other issues.

The leaders of Algeria, Saudi Arabia and Morocco form a committee entrusted by the Arab League with ending Lebanon's 15-year civil war. (Reuters)

Egypt sentences four to death

A Cairo court sentenced four Muslim fundamentalists to death for hanging a colleague because of a two-dollar debt. Egyptian newspapers reported yesterday.

Al Ahram newspaper said Wael Safwat borrowed five Egyptian pounds from one of his colleagues and was slow in repaying the debt.

The group hanged Safwat after a secret trial and hanged him in a Cairo cemetery. Witnesses who saw the burial reported it to the police and three fundamentalists were arrested. Al Ahram said. The fourth was tried in absentia. (Reuters)

Christian emigration to West increases

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, July 10, (AP): One of the first surveys taken of Arab Christians in occupied Jerusalem and the occupied territories indicates that emigration is on the rise, reducing the already small minority in the Holy Land, researchers say.

They blame a lack of jobs and violence connected with the 31-month uprising in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip as major causes.

There also are fears that the arrival of thousands of Soviet Jews in Israel could speed up the exodus of the Christians, who are a minority in the mainly Muslim Palestinian population in the territories.

"The immigration of the Soviet Jews is a serious blow to Arabs in the West Bank, Gaza Strip and inside Israel," said Geris Khouri, head of the Ecumenical Institute for Theological Research in Bethlehem.

The Soviets will increase competition for jobs inside Israel, where many Palestinians from the territories work, Khouri said. Palestinians also fear they will be displaced if the Soviets settle in Jerusalem and the West Bank.

Khouri, an Israeli Arab who supervised the survey, released preliminary findings at a three-day conference in Jerusalem last week.

Interviews

The survey involved interviews with 550 Christian clans from Jerusalem and four West Bank towns, Ramallah, Bethlehem, Beit Jala and Beit Sahour.

Bernard Sabila, a sociology professor at Bethlehem University and a researcher on the project, said the study showed that 38 families within the clans have left each year since the uprising began in December 1987. That is more than twice the departure rate preceding the uprising, he added.

Sabila said that if the results are extrapolated to the entire Arab Christian population, a total of more than 2,160 Christians are leaving each year.

Most have gone to the United States, Canada, Australia and various European nations, he said.

There are believed to be only 45,000 Christians among the 1.8 million Palestinians who live in the occupied territories and Jerusalem, the conference was told. About 91,000 more Christians live in Israel.

The Roman Catholic patriarch of Jerusalem, Michel Sabbah, told the conference that church leaders should work to keep Christians in the Holy Land and in tune back who have left.

He said the rallying call should be: "Come to the Holy Land. Endure the hardships with us. The church is weak without you."

Warning

Church leaders also warned that the decline in the Christian population could make the Christian quarter of Jerusalem's old city more vulnerable to settlement by Jews.

They pointed out that 150 Israeli settlers moved earlier this year into St John's hospice, a compound in the Christian quarter owned by the Greek orthodox church.

The Jewish settlers said the building had been legally leased from a Panamanian company.

The church contended it was illegally sold and got a court order evicting most of the Israelis until the issue is resolved in court.

"The St John's incident is a fearful warning to Christians that if they leave their homes, others will take their place," Greek Catholic Bishop Latifi Lahem said.

Within the 550 clans that were surveyed, researchers determined that 610 family members have moved abroad, including those who fled since the intifada began in 1987.

'No news for today'

Captors silent on Beirut hostages

BEIRUT, July 10, (Agencies): Kidnappers kept silent today while pro-Iranian political sources in Lebanon confirmed reports that a European hostage would be freed soon.

"A European hostage will be freed ... it is a matter of time but there will be a release," said one source. Hopes for the release of one of the 15 Western hostages held in Lebanon were raised over the

weekend when the Iranian news agency reported from Beirut that a European captive was to be freed.

Pro-Syrian security sources said the hostage to be released could be Irish teacher Brian Keenan, 39, abducted in Beirut on April 11, 1986.

They said the Lebanese kidnappers have contacted the Syrian Army command in west Beirut yesterday to arrange the release.

The sources said the Syrians were making arrangements to collect the hostage and hand him over to officials of his government.

In Damascus, Syrian Foreign Minister Farouq Al Shara, a key player in the release of hostages in Lebanon, said today there was no fresh news on the expected release of a Western captive.

Answering reporters' questions on whether he had any new information on the possible release of Keenan, Shara said: "No yet ... no news for today."

Speculation about Keenan's release created a mood of optimism among his family and Irish government officials.

Ireland has launched a Middle East diplomatic offensive in a bid to win the release of Keenan with Dublin stepping up its efforts during its six-month presidency of the European Economic Community.

A group of Irish parliamentarians visited Tehran last month.

"We emphasised while in Tehran that Mr Keenan was in fact Irish, that we were neutral, non-aligned militarily and had no axe to grind," Irish member of Parliament Niall Andrews said.

Besides Keenan, six Americans, three Britons, two West Germans, two Swiss nationals and an Italian are missing in Lebanon.

Kidnappers freed Americans Robert Polhill and Frank Reed in April following efforts by Syria and Iranian President Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani, who wants to end the hostage issue and improve Iran's relations with the West.

The two Americans were released in Beirut before being ferried to Damascus where they were handed over to the US embassy.

The kidnappers have demanded the release of some 400 Arab prisoners held by Israel or its South Lebanon Army militia allies in exchange for hostages.

Israel has ruled out any prisoner swap unless six of its servicemen missing in Lebanon are freed.

Meanwhile, Israeli officials today denied that attacks on commando bases in Lebanon were designed to foil a hostage release deal that would exclude the Jewish state.

The United States yesterday criticised Israeli raids on pro-Iranian Hezbollah bases in Lebanon as part of the "cycle of violence" in the Middle East.

"We see this as part of the cycle of violence which harms all the parties in the region," US State Department deputy spokesman Richard Boucher told reporters. (Reuters)

Lebanon officially protested to the United Nations Security Council three recent Israeli air raids in south Lebanon that killed 15 people and wounded 48.

But Foreign Ministry spokesman Ahmed Ibrahim said the government did not call for a meeting of the council, because Washington would veto any resolution condemning Israel at the world body.

Ibrahim said the Foreign Ministry cabled the protest earlier today. (AP)

Latest Israeli peace campaigner Abie Nathan said today he had drafted a plan for the release of Western hostages and Israeli soldiers held in Lebanon by Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir had rejected it.



Farouq Al Shara

Status key to freedom

Keenan dual nationality snag

DUBLIN, July 10, (Reuters): Ireland's neutrality and Belfast teacher Brian Keenan's dual nationality could be his passport to freedom after four years as a Beirut hostage.

"I am Irish. Please tell my family," Keenan said in a note he managed to slip to two French captives in 1986 just before they were released.

Even then, he appeared to have opted for the route he thought most likely to succeed in winning his freedom after being plunged from one sectarian conflict into another.

Keenan, from Protestant east Belfast, is like everyone born in British-ruled Northern Ireland able to choose between having Irish or British passports.

He travelled on documents issued in the Irish Republic, which stresses its neutral, non-aligned status.

That point was stressed by Irish parliamentarians who visited Tehran last month in a bid to secure Keenan's freedom.

"We emphasised while in Tehran that Keenan was in fact Irish, that we were neutral, non-aligned militarily and had no axe to grind," Irish Member of Parliament Niall Andrews said.

Asked about positive signals from Iran last weekend about the imminent release of another Western hostage, Andrews said, "the adrenalin is flowing ... please God he and the other hostages will be released and very soon."

Lebanese kidnappers contacted Syrian army command, in west Beirut yesterday to arrange the release of a European hostage, believed to be Keenan, pro-Syrian security sources said.

They said the Syrian command was making arrangements to collect the hostage and hand him over to officials of his government.

Keenan was seized on April 11, 1986 by four gunmen while walking to the American University of Beirut to teach an English class.

Ireland has launched a Middle East diplomatic offensive in a bid to release Keenan with Dublin stepping up its efforts during its six-month presidency of the European Economic Community at the start of this year.

On hearing that the kidnappers had contacted the Syrian army, Keenan's sister Elaine said, "it is looking good. When the kidnappers start talking to Syria, you know someone is coming out."

But does she have her suitcase packed and ready for a dash to the Middle East on an Irish government executive jet that is ready to bring Keenan home?

"You wouldn't believe this but I have had my bags packed now for four years," she said as she waited for yet another night anxiously poised by the phone in Belfast.

Keenan sisters have put the champagne ready on ice and ordered a giant welcome-home banner saying "what took you so long, big lad?"

But after four years and three months of waiting for the man they call "the forgotten hostage," the two still sit anxiously by the phone for the call that will transform their lives.

"There are such different reports. I feel torn asunder," confessed Brenda Gillham, who celebrated her 46th birthday today still awaiting the gift she longs for most.

She and her sister Elaine Spence, from Protestant east Belfast, have their bags packed ready to go to Dublin and take a plane to the Middle East if Keenan is released.

They will fly out on an Irish government Gulfstream executive jet with Irish Foreign Minister Gerry Collins and medical personnel eager to check the condition of Keenan, reported in captivity to have been blindfolded and chained to a radiator.

Asked if he had any new information, Syrian Foreign Minister Farouq Al Shara said in Damascus today: "Not yet ... no news for today."

An Irish Foreign Ministry spokesman was equally circumspect: "We still have to remain cautious until we receive official confirmation."

Arsenic

Reed charges captors

BOSTON, July 10, (AP): Air Force doctors informed former hostage Frank Reed that his captors poisoned him with arsenic during his 44 months in captivity, the former hostage said yesterday.

Reed also said that his sister had told him in a telephone conversation from Belfast, Northern Ireland, that negotiations toward the Irish educator's release were "50 per cent finished."

"I think it's the most wonderful news I've heard since I've been home," Reed said of Keenan's possible release. "Brian and I were mates in the hokies, the hockies, Brian on several occasions tried to intervene to try to stop the beatings that were going on."

A Shiite source in Beirut, Lebanon, said Iran was pushing hard for the release of a hostage in appreciation for aid it received after the devastating June 21 earthquake.

The Irish Red Cross flew the first Western relief plane into Tehran after the earthquake, in which 40,000 people were killed.

Based on hair and nail samples, air force and justice department officials believe Reed, 57, was given arsenic over a long period of time and was large dose shortly before he was released April 30, Reed told Boston television station WHDH.

The news made Reed wonder if Keenan may also have been given arsenic.

"Brian was exhibiting the same symptoms that I had of arsenic poisoning, so let us hope that it hasn't been too severe. Brian and I got in a little trouble over there together and maybe they were giving it to him for the same reasons," he said.

Reed speculated that the captors' goal may have been to subdue the hostages or to make them appear sickly in order to speed negotiations.

Troops fired on a crowd that stoned Barre

NAIROBI, July 10, (AP): Somalia's government says three people died when troops fired on a crowd that stoned President Mohamed Siad Barre at a soccer match last week, but a diplomatic source said over 100 may have been killed.

Sixty-five people were confirmed dead at Difter Hospital in Mogadishu, Somalia, and fatality estimates ranged as high as 109, according to the diplomatic source, who spoke today on condition of anonymity.

Abdullahi Farah Barre, first secretary

at the Somali embassy in Rome, insisted only three people died in Friday's stadium shooting. He said he did not have any exact figures on the number of injured.

He said security forces fired after "some provocateurs" began throwing rocks at President Barre. He said the security forces first fired in the air but fired on the crowd when they continued to throw rocks and began to pelt security officers.

More than 100 people were seriously injured in the shooting, according to

another source. The sources declined to be identified by name.

The Somali government, in a statement issued the night of the incident, acknowledged security forces had opened fire, but said only three people had been killed.

The Ministry of Labour, Sports and Social Affairs blamed the incident on overcrowding and said people had been hit by bullets when security forces "fired high into the air" to maintain peace.

On Saturday, the ministry dismissed the

incident as a "chance accident" and said it had sent condolences to the victims' families.

Telephone contact with Somalia is inconsistent and it was not immediately possible to contact anyone in Mogadishu.

Somalia is an impoverished nation along the Horn of Africa. In recent years, the government steadily has lost control of much of the nation's countryside to separate insurgencies and warring clans.

President Barre has ruled the predominantly Muslim nation since seizing power in a coup in 1969.

6.6 on Richter scale Quake rocks Sudan

CAIRO, July 10, (AP): A major earthquake struck a sparsely populated jungle area in southern Sudan, a top official at Egypt's earthquake monitoring department said today.

It was the second tremor in the region within less than two months, but it was less powerful than the first. There were no immediate reports of damage or casualties.

Ezz-el-Din Ibrahim, director of the earthquake department at Egypt's National Research Institute of Astronomy and Geophysics, told

the AP that the second earthquake struck at 1516 GMT on Monday.

He said it measured 6.6 on the Richter scale. "Thus it had the capability of causing widespread damage," he said. The first quake was almost one degree higher on the 10-degree Richter scale.

The Hong Kong observatory reported today that it had recorded Monday's quake at 6.5 on the Richter scale in an area about 90 kilometres (56 miles) north of Juba in southern Sudan.

Don't ignore harshness in voice, says cancer specialist

Early treatment best

DOCTOR Hussain Al Jazzaf, head of the protection and cancer information unit at Kuwait Cancer Centre has warned patients not to neglect a harshness in their voice for more than three weeks. He requested them to consult doctors, go through medical tests and to obtain treatment if the case is diagnosed as cancer.

Doctor Jazzaf stated that most doctors agree that treatment with radiation is the best treatment of all early stages of cancer. He added that the Medical Social Service Unit at the centre provides patients with several services in order to boost their

morals.

Radiation

He added that throat cancer like other forms is the growth of abnormal cells in the body. He indicated that early radiation treatment for cancer will help doctors prevent the spread of the disease.

He added that the centre has implemented successful rehabilitation methods for patients who went through throat cancer operations. He added that the social services unit at the centre provides patients with several psychological and social services.



UAE delegates visit science club

A UAE science club delegation recently visited Kuwait as part of the social and cultural contacts between GCC states. The delegates met with young Kuwaiti science enthusiasts and also visited several scientific institutions. They were received at the Kuwait Science Club by

Public Relations Director Ahmad Ismael. He explained the club's activities and took them on a tour of their facilities. Above: some members of the Abu Dhabi team in the science club.

'Kuwait security stable'

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"Had we wanted to scrap idea of the National Assembly (Parliament), we would have given the new National Council all its rights and privileges," Sheikh Salem said.

In response to a question, the minister said the political and security situation was stable in Kuwait, though some "bubbles" have surfaced and were over inflating by the foreign media that serve certain quarters. "Then, the national dialogue has come, and the people expressed their opinion about it," he added.

On the future of the democratic life in Kuwait after the dialogue, Sheikh Salem said the inauguration of the National Council yesterday is an evidence of more freedom.

He said Kuwaiti diwanis are a key aspect of social life in Kuwait, granted special privacy and an immunity by laws.

"What happened in some diwanis has been a violation of those legislations," Sheikh Salem said, adding that owners of those diwanis have been warned and that the government was flexible to preserve the dignity of the individuals. "We have enforced the law in a Kuwaiti style, — with tolerance, far-sightedness and a one-family spirit," he said.

In response to a question over the opposition's demands, Sheikh Salem said that when His Highness the Amir ordered the suspension of some articles of the constitution, "the parliamentary life was not away from us and the circumstances we were living required wisdom not haste."

On international terrorism, Sheikh Salem said the problem has become an international proportion. The problem was discussed in meetings of the Interior Ministers of the Gulf Co-operation Council states and the Arab states, Sheikh Salem said.

He added that Kuwait was exposed in several terrorist attacks noting that extremist groups have no place in the country.

Asked on the government's stance on a number of opposition figures, Sheikh Salem said they are Kuwaiti citizens "who have rights and duties and they are living their life naturally without any harassment as long as they are working for the country's interest and security."

Sheikh Salem said citizenship is not a barometer of loyalty, adding that those who claim they are Kuwaitis should come out and get out their official documents.

2 Kuwaitis

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where he was welcoming the last caravan and the Kuwaiti medical mission coming back from Hajj. Fazan said it is difficult to locate pilgrims who go on their own because, unlike those who go with organised caravans, their places of residence are not known.

Nur Misaari, the leader of the Muslim rebels in the Philippines, said that he lost 13 of his close relatives in the July 2 tunnel stampede in Makkah.

Farwaniya traffic dept transfer delayed

AN official source at the Ministry of Interior stated that the delay in transferring Farwaniya Traffic Department to its headquarters in Farwaniya governorate was due to a strong dispute between the General Traffic Department and the State Domains Department. The dispute is regarding the building which will be let near the National Housing Authority in Farwaniya.

The State Domains Department refused to let the building despite the fact that it was selected by the General Traffic Department. Works of the Farwaniya Traffic Department will remain at the Capital Traffic Department until a building for the department is agreed upon by the State Domains Department.

Early retirement Practice deprives state of skilled employees

THE former deputy director of the Public Establishment for Social Security Ahmad Rashed Al Haroun has said that it would be more convenient to place PESS under the supervision of one of the government ministries.

He told a local daily that the social security system is used in different countries of the world, with the intention of insuring citizens against the perils to which they are liable and which can affect their practical life and their ability to earn their living.

He said that the basic function of this system is to provide decent retirement pension for citizens, against aging, disability, illness and deaths.

He said that under such a system, a specified age is determined at which a major life turn takes place where the employee's performance level and vitality drops significantly due to age.

In Kuwait, unlike the situation in the world, the social security system has specified no age limit for retirement on grounds of age, as subscribers can benefit from the advantages of the system after a certain period of membership, Haroun said.

He added that early retirement has many negative effects, whether at the social or other levels, and that the social negativities include the state of joblessness at mid age, (starting at forty), which constitutes mounting pressure on the social security institution, which has to ensure paying out money for longer period than expected.

He added that this also deprives the government of the services of people who cost the government a lot and are supposed to have accumulated valuable experience in their field, but chose to retire while still able to function.

He also said that this forces the government to depend on imported labour to make up for the shortage in cadres and consequently encumber the local economy with more unnecessary burdens.

The social security systems provide financial help, health insurance, unemployment insurance, pensions or others, which are collected either from subscriber's contributions or from government support, Haroun said.

He pointed out that the system also offers material and moral aid to qualified needy, other than members, and that therefore more support to the social security system is invited from the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour.

He added that injured members can receive paid treatment inside or outside the country based on a decision by the medical committee, and the treatment will last until the patient recovers his health or his disability is confirmed and the establishment supervises his progress.

The treatment covers the fees of specialised doctors, stay in hospital or medical centres, needed operations and X-ray and the cost of artificial extremities and needed medications.

He added that insurance awareness is required for the users of the social security system, as subscribers who are not fully aware of their insurance rights under the law could very well enjoy the different advantages available to them.

Commenting on the existing exchange system, or what is commonly known as the buying of the pension stipend, he said that the idea is to sell part of the pension to obtain a lump sum instead of part of his pension over a period of time.

Amir receives Velayati

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and aspirations of its peoples."

They welcomed the recent resumption of maritime transport links interrupted by the 1980-88 Gulf war, and discussed restoration of air links.

The talks between the two ranking diplomats were held at Bayan Palace. Meanwhile, Director-General of the Gulf Department at the Iranian Foreign Ministry Fourni Haini and Kuwaiti Foreign Undersecretary Suleiman Majed Al Shaheen held talks at the Foreign Ministry.

The source said that the two sides agreed on the basis for resumption of civil aviation between the two countries.

He added that they also tackled the matter of the Kuwaiti fishing boats as it was agreed that Iranian and Kuwaiti officials meet in the near future to lay down the ground for a solution to the issue.

The source said that upon the conclusion of the Sabah-Velayati talks, the Iranian foreign minister invited Sheikh Sabah to visit his country. Sheikh Sabah accepted the invitation but no date was set for the visit.

The Iranian newspapers have hailed better relations between Kuwait and Tehran after a decade-long chill.

The radical Iranian daily Abrar said the visit indicated "the beginning of an international understanding which will leave important impacts on relations between the regional states and on the establishment of security in this strategic part of the world."

The English-language Tebran Times, quoted by the Islamic Republic News Agency in a dispatch monitored in Cyprus, made similar comments in an editorial.

While the accent in Velayati's talks was on bilateral ties, diplomatic sources said Kuwait and other Gulf Co-operation Council countries also are keen to contain a persisting rift between the Persian state and Saudi Arabia.

The Iranian agency, Iran, quoted Velayati as saying his trip to Kuwait could have a positive impact on Tehran's ties with other Gulf nations.

Local dailies highlight Amir's NC address

KUWAIT, July 10, (Kuwa): Kuwaiti dailies today highlighted the speech of His Highness the Amir, Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmed Al Sabah yesterday at the inauguration of the Interim National Council as guidelines for the 90s quantum leap advocated by the Kuwait ruler.

One daily quoted excerpts of HH's speech and focussed on the internal issues tackled by the Amir, noting that the Kuwait leader had emphasised national unity as the basis for the future development.

For its part, another daily underlined that a new generation was taking over representation of the people and pointed out that scientific planning occupied a priority in the Amir's speech as the springboard for progress.

Internal Charter Committee

Enezi elected as president



Enazi

By Lima Al Khalafawi
Arab Times staff

THE nine-member Internal Charter Committee of the National Council, yesterday elected Khalaf Al Enezi as their president and Kathem Bou Abbas as committee secretary during its first meeting.

The meeting which started early at 8.30 am, was attended by both State Ministers for National Council Affairs Dr Bader Al Yaqoub and for Cabinet Affairs Dr Abdul Rahman Al Awadi.

Mohamed A. Abdul Jaleel, the committee member, told the Arab Times that discussions among members focused on particulars of various committees that will be formed.



Bou Abbas

Following are the particulars:

1. Committee for reviewing the parliamentary experience, 11 members.
2. Complaints and allegations committee, 9 members.
3. Security affairs committee, 9 members.
4. Finance and economics committee, 9 members.
5. Legislation Committee, 9 members.
6. External affairs committee, 9 members.
7. Education committee, 9 members.
8. Health and social affairs committee, 9 members.
9. Committee for public utilities, 9 members.

Jaleel added that members of the charter committee will submit their final recommendation at the council's meeting next Monday.



Jasser Al Jasser

Meanwhile, State Minister for National Council Affairs Dr Bader Al Yaqoub said that no decision has been taken about the ideal vehicle for issuing the internal charter.

The Council Speaker, Abdulaziz Al Musaid told the Arab Times that his nomination indicates the confidence entrusted to him by the Council members.

In a telephone interview, Jasser Al Jasser, who lost the election as speaker of the National Council, said that he accepted the result with a sense of sportsmanship and wished Musaid all the best to shoulder his future responsibilities.

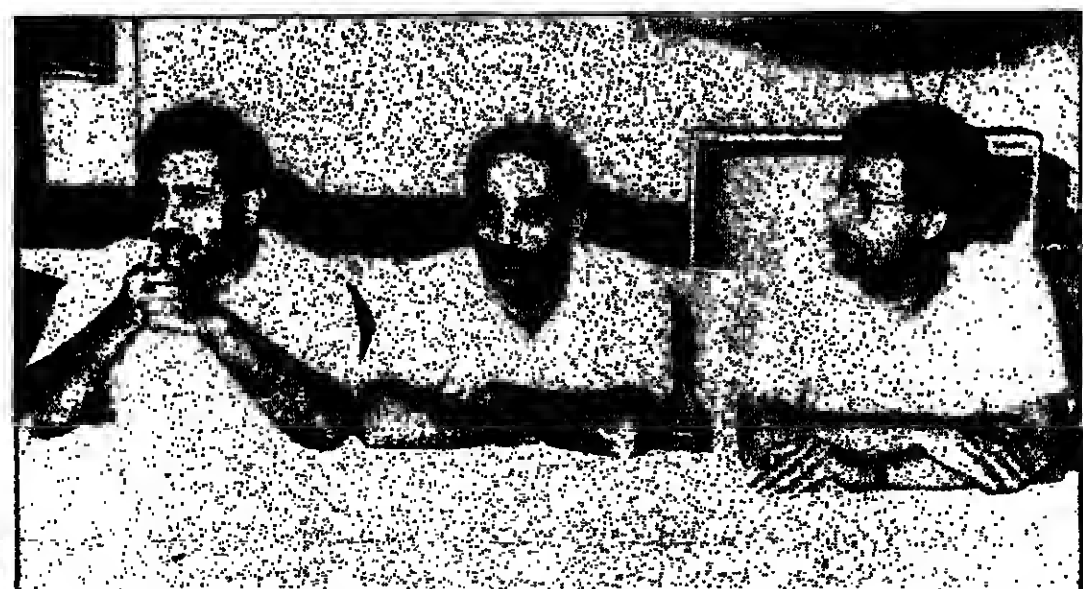


Jahra youth camp

The administrative committee at 41st youth work camp received at the site the camp in Jahra 50 youths who will participate in the camp. They were received by the manager of the camp Jawad Issa and the other administrative committee members.

The camp which has been organised by the Youth and Childhood Department at the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour was opened on July 7 and will continue its activities up to Aug 29, 1990.

Picture (above) show a number of participants and (below) the committee members.



From the courts

Brothers sentenced for defamation

TWO brothers have been found guilty of defaming a girl by the Criminal Court and were issued a one-year suspended jail sentence against a bond of KD200, in addition to a fine of KD100 each.

The court was told that the defendants were trying to harass the girl at her job through the use of the telephone and when she threatened to complain to the police, the brothers began to spread rumours that she drank alcohol and was having illicit affairs.

Fine for breaking and entering: A real estate agent was fined KD50 by Kuwait's Criminal Court for breaking and entering the premises of an owner of the house who was on leave.

The defendant told the court that the lessor had informed him that he was going on leave to Sudan for a period of ten days, but overstayed for four months. As the defendant wanted to rent out the flat, he claimed that he broke into the house to remove the effects of the lessor.

Boutique worker acquitted: The Commercial Court has acquitted a woman working in a boutique from the charge of not affixing price labels on the merchandise on display in the shop window. The court heard that the inspector who gave her the ticket on the grounds of violation of pricing regulations, said that the price tags were not clearly visible to the customers, and that she could wheel and deal easily with the client once he entered the shop.

The court rejected the case as the tags did actually appear on the stuff and there never was any violation.

Man acquitted of attempted rape: The Criminal Court has acquitted a man from the charges of attempted rape of a shepherd of Asian nationality and theft of his money and sheep from his flock.

The victim told the court that the defendant drove up to his tent in the middle of the desert and asked him about his sponsor and learnt that he came in the mornings only.

He then entered the tent and conversed with him and asked for tea and promised to come again in the evening to sleep at the tent.

He said that he actually came again at seven and asked him to deliver all his money to him, at gunpoint and when he did he tried to force him to give it to his whimsical intentions, but the victim managed to thwart his attempts at that.

He added that the man then left and ordered him not to leave the tent, but he heard sounds of sheep being carried into the car, and discovered the next morning that six sheep were missing.

The defendant denied the charges against him and told the court that he had a conversation with the victim which soon developed into a heated argument before he decided to leave him and that all the rest was a concocted story.

Man obliged to divorce wife: A man has been obliged to divorce his wife according to a verdict issued by the Court of Probate in addition to paying compensation of 60 per cent of related rights, a local daily reported.

It added that the court was told that the man was a drug addict and was causing a lot of problems for his wife and children.

The woman, who is also pregnant, claimed before the court that her husband was a addict and had failed to bear his family responsibility.

The man acknowledged that he was taking drugs, but for the time being was under medical treatment and he refuted his wife's claims. But an arbitration committee, which has been empowered to search for the necessary solutions for couples problems, found that both the man and the woman were responsible for the conflicts, for which 60 per cent of the responsibility was attributed to the man and 40 per cent to the woman. Accordingly, the court decided to ask the husband to divorce his wife.

Stolen cars gang apprehended: The CID men at Capital Governorate seized last week a gang specialised in stealing cars and selling them in Jordan after forging their books. The forgery was made with the help of a Kuwaiti employee at the General Traffic Administration. The man was providing the gang with stamped car books for the stolen cars. The gang was disposing of the original books of stolen cars and using the forged ones after filling the required information to be able to get the international car book (KIT). Cars were then sent to Jordan for sale. The first stolen car belonged to a woman who is a relative of the Kuwaiti employee who was promised to get his share of the price of the car. The gang consisted of three Jordanians beside the Kuwaiti national. Two of the Jordanians are brothers. The gang stole and sold six cars. Relevant authorities are investigating the case.

Driver and passengers prone to injuries

He said that the use of safety belts by drivers in Sweden led to a cost reduction of medical services to road casualties from \$30 to \$30 million.

Maki Yousif Al Hameed said that compared with the population density in Qadisiya, clinic services are not adequate. He stated that large crowds are a standard feature of the clinic. He indicated that in order to cover residents' health needs, more doctors are required at the clinic.

He said that the free market that characterises business in Kuwait and the existing competition between traders and suppliers in providing the best products at the most competitive prices are among the factors that need to receive considerable attention by any society board to be able to defend itself when called to account before the general assembly.

and in Makkah it treated 10,379. In Mina and Arafat more than 7,575 cases of flu, sunstrokes and respiratory problems were treated," stated the minister who praised the Saudi government for its co-operation with the mission. Pictures show (above) Fouzan welcoming members of the haj mission and (below) relatives and friends waiting for returning pilgrims in front of Adailia Medical Centre.

Sheikh Zayed also complained that the US does this "without exercising any actual pressure on Israel to promote a peace process, to stop suppression in the occupied territories and to reach a just and permanent settlement of the Palestinian problem," WAM added.

Ghanem said: "Unlike what some parents believed, these games are not void of negative aspects on children's activities." She clarified that the latest psychological studies proved that some games may cause social seclusion and introversion and may cause nervous tension and organic diseases including blood pressure. But she added that these warnings would not entail the exclusion of the games as an educational means. However, she said games should be selectively screened to ensure they do not cause ill-effects.

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He added that the National Housing Authority will establish a number of commercial shops at the southern area of the island.

He added that licences and foodstuffs department of the municipality began studying the system of licencing these shops and supermarkets. The study will take into consideration all problems and obstacles that hinder the issuing of licences for shops.

Meningitis

He said that it is not true that the ministry has started any anti-meningitis vaccination campaigns in certain area, although preparations were under way for such an eventuality by the Preventive Health Department.

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India beset by economic woes

Living cost higher

NEW DELHI, (CSM): Leaning on the counter in his small food shop, R.S. Sawhney laments the rocketing cost of living in India's capital. "How can people afford to buy anything? Food, petrol, housing — everything costs so much," says the elderly turbaned shopkeeper. "We've never seen prices like this before."

Long regarded as among the most stable of developing economies, India is now threatened by the economic troubles vexing other Third World countries.

The government of Prime Minister V.P. Singh confronts a mounting budget deficit, a dangerous debt overload, and a serious cash shortage.

Inflation is climbing fast. And deepening economic imbalances make it tough to keep pace with runaway population growth and make further inroads against widespread poverty.

Although India still enjoys steady growth, the World Bank has warned that its economy is at a "crossroads," one path leading to the troubled state of Latin American economies and the other to the vibrancy of East Asia.

Strength

"India's great strength has been prudence. It hasn't gotten into the trouble of Africa and Latin America," says an international economist in New Delhi. "Now that's starting to change with twin deficits in the budget and the balance of payments. India no longer has much margin for bad luck or error."

Singh must push through some politically tough reforms if India is to avert a crisis in the decade ahead, international and Indian economic observers say.

The prime minister, who ousted his former boss Rajiv Gandhi in elections last year, was a major force in liberalizing India's highly regulated and protected economy in recent years.

However, economic worries and initiatives have been shunted into the background by the Muslim insurgency in Kashmir, a tense standoff with rival Pakistan, and political struggles in Singh's weak minority government.

His political supporters range from communists and dogmatic socialists to middle-of-the-roads and Hindu conservatives, an ideological grab bag that has produced a economic policy muddle.

Although he is a reformer with free-market leanings, Singh has sent out mixed signals in the face of a dire economic picture. Once comfortable in foreign-exchange reserves, India now is pinched for cash and can cover less than two months of imports. The country's rising external debt of more than \$60 billion, triple that of 1980, is the world's fourth largest.

Economic

Confronted with slashing imports and a \$6 billion annual trade deficit, Singh has called for reimposing controversial economic controls, such as rationing gasoline.

"This is one side of V.P. Singh which is not very encouraging," says a Western diplomat. "It would be a mistake to do this (rationing and other economic controls). It would hit in the wrong places and lead to tremendous corruption and disruption."

In his budget earlier this year, Singh reemphasized antipoverty programs, swinging away from Rajiv's policies aimed at wooing the growing middle class. With India and Pakistan talking war, he maintained the spiraling defence buildup.

However, Western trading partners and international financiers worry that the government's pro-poor expenditures, including high agricultural subsidies and schemes to waive farm loans, will lead to a wider budget deficit and higher inflation. In tandem, they are dismayed by the slowing of economic reform and moves to open up to foreign investment.

Since independence in 1947, India has championed economic socialism and self-reliance and resisted efforts to internationalise its heavily planned and protected economy. The country has relied on its long-standing trade relationship with the Soviet Union which provided weapons and bought India exports without using reserves of hard cash.

Isolation

Now, Indian and Western economic analysts say India can no longer afford such isolation. The Soviet's economic interest in India is likely to slacken as President Mikhail Gorbachev grapples with his own domestic woes.

In recent years, New Delhi has increasingly looked to the United States and other Western countries as export markets and the source of high technology. To boost growth, India must boost exports 10 per cent each year, analysts say.

Last year, the US, New Delhi's largest trading partner, cited India as one of three countries pursuing unfair trading practices. Japan and Brazil won a reprieve this year from US pressure after making concessions.

However, India continues to be cited for maintaining the highest trade barriers of any non-communist country. President Bush must decide by mid-June whether to impose stiff tariffs on Indian imports, although negotiations are under way to ease the stalemate.

"There is a much greater global awareness among the bureaucrats than ever before," says Viren Shah, an industrialist and head of the Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry. "But among most of the politicians, this awareness just doesn't exist."

TODAY IN HISTORY

- 1533 — Pope Clement VII excommunicates England's King Henry VIII.
- 1572 — Sir Humphrey Gilbert lands in Netherlands with band of English volunteers to fight Spanish.
- 1614 — Swedish army under La Gardie defeats Russian forces at Bronitsky.
- 1794 — Conspiracy by Moderates of the Mountain and Dantonists against M. Robespierre succeeds in abolishing commune of Paris in France.
- 1810 — Napoleonic empire annexes Holland.
- 1899 — Transvaal government decides immigrants to Transvaal will be enfranchised after residence of seven years.
- 1956 — Finno-Karelian republic is abolished through incorporation into Soviet Union as Karelian autonomous republic.
- 1960 — Premier Moise Tshombe of Katanga proclaims independence of that province.
- 1963 — Army in Ecuador ousts President Carlos Julio Arosemena, charging he is a communist sympathiser.
- 1967 — Communist-led mobs of Chinese in Hong Kong step up terrorist activities, and British authorities halt all public transport as safety measure.
- 1971 — Moroccan government says leaders of a coup against King Hassan have been slain or arrested.
- 1978 — Truck carrying industrial gas explodes and sets fire to campsite on Mediterranean coast in Spain, killing at least 180 people.
- 1987 — United Nations proclaims newborn boy Matej gaspar in Zagreb, Yugoslavia, as world's five millionth inhabitant.

Gorbachev wins another political victory

Politburo to play second fiddle to government

MOSCOW, (AP): Mikhail S. Gorbachev has won another political victory, gaining Communist Party approval to restructure the Politburo that once ruled the country. The Politburo now promises to play second fiddle to the separate government structure he also leads.

The vote by the 28th Communist Party congress on Monday also marks a new effort to reduce the country's ethnic unrest by including party leaders from the 15 Soviet republics on the Politburo, the party's ruling inner circle.

The new body will have up to 23 members, nearly twice the 12 voting members on the old body, and many if not most of the faces should be new.

The expansion and restructuring will accelerate the process that Gorbachev began after he was elected to a strengthened presidency in March, transferring power to a newly created Presidential Council — a development that has angered such hardline Politburo members as Yegor K. Ligachev and could squeeze them out of their jobs.

Western-style

Unlike the Politburo, whose members are elected by the party, members of the Presidential Council are appointed and dismissed by the President, along the lines of a Western-style cabinet.

The Politburo, which formerly met every Thursday, has been meeting only once a month since March.

Since most of the Politburo members will reside in their home republics, the Politburo will continue to meet relatively infrequently and will not exercise as tight control over national affairs as it traditionally has done.

The duties of the Presidential Council have not been fully defined. The 16-man body consists of six voting members of the Politburo, including the prime minister, defence minister, foreign minister, the KGB chief, and Gorbachev's right-hand, Alexander Yakovlev. Other members are the chief law enforcement official, a reform-minded economist, a crusading environmentalist and a workers' rights activist.

Significantly, whereas nine of 12 men of the old Politburo were members of the ethnic Russian majority, the new Politburo will include a majority of non-Russians. And the Presidential



President Gorbachev (R) smiles as he talks with Russian Communist Party chief Ivan Polozkov during the 28th party congress. Politburo member Alexander Yakovlev specifically denied criticising Polozkov. (Reuter wirephoto)

Council contains five non-Russians.

The new Politburo will include the heads of the party organisations in the 15 republics, most of whom are clamouring for greater control over political and economic decisions affecting their regions.

Shortly after becoming general secretary of the Communist Party five years ago, Gorbachev sought to centralise his own authority, but he has been driven to support greater regional autonomy by the independence drives of the three Baltic republics.

Control

Moreover, the largest Soviet republic, the Russian Federation, last month proclaimed its intent to seek greater control of its

affairs under the leadership of its populist communist President, Boris N. Yeltsin.

Most recently, Gorbachev has embraced the idea of reconstituting the Soviet Union as a looser confederation of republics.

The Politburo has had its ups and downs since it was created on the eve of the 1917 Bolshevik Revolution that swept the communists to power. The first two Soviet leaders, Vladimir I. Lenin, and Josef V. Stalin, exercised virtual one-man rule, appointing aides and allies to the Politburo.

Under Leonid Brezhnev, who ruled for 18 years until his death in 1982, the Politburo was a coalition that made all the key decisions.

As Brezhnev and the other Politburo members weakened

with age, the country lapsed into what Gorbachev had labelled the period of stagnation.

The first Politburo consisted of seven Bolsheviks, among them Lenin, the founder of the Red Army Leon Trotsky, and the lesser-known Stalin.

Membership

Following Lenin's death in 1924, Stalin eliminated Trotsky and other rivals from the ruling body. By the height of his power in 1952, he had expanded the membership to 25 voting members, all loyal aides. It also included 11 non-voting members.

Nikita S. Khrushchev, who rose to power after Stalin's death in 1953, whittled the body to 15 voting and nine non-voting members. Although he instituted

reforms, he tried to keep a tight personal grip on power, angering Politburo colleagues who tried unsuccessfully to oust him in 1957 and succeeded in 1964.

Brezhnev, Khrushchev's successor, used the Politburo to forge a coalition among Soviet interest groups, such as the armed forces, the KGB, other government ministries and major industrial sectors, who held most of the dozen slots.

He also included seven heads of republic parties as non-voting Politburo members, allowing them to run their "regimes" in return for loyalty. Gorbachev and his allies argue that Brezhnev's system led to widespread corruption and blocked the transformation of the country into a modern industrial society.

Japanese rightists battle for national soul

TOKYO, (AP): One of their leaders says Japanese rightists are in a battle for the national soul, but can't win if they continue wearing military uniforms and hating martial music from armoured buses.

"I think 90 per cent of the Japanese people are rightists at heart," Shusuke Nomura said in an interview. "They are just scared off by the militarist, gangster-like image. It is time for the right to throw away their old wartime values and become more like the mainstream."

The self-styled ideologue of the new right is a dapper 55-year-old with a record of arson, hostage-taking and prison. Now, through his books and films, Nomura seeks to lead the radical right away from society's fringe.

Japan's right wing has been vocal and visible throughout the postwar era, but many people see it as an embarrassing reminder of rule by the militarists during World War II.

Fronts

Police say many of the 840 right-wing groups are mere fronts for gangsters involved in extortion and other non-political activities. The number of extreme rightists in Japan is estimated at about 120,000.

Nomura claims the support of about 1,000 people from Issui-Kai (one-water group) and several other larger rightist organisations. Even such limited support makes him a major figure in the rightist movement because it is fragmented, with no central leader.

He hopes the new right will make a serious effort to "win back Japan's soul."

"After the war, we sold our soul to the United States," he said. "We have to grab that soul back."

It is "as impossible to return to the old days of militarism as it is to return to Samurai Times," he added.

Nomura said the right should abandon its rabidly anti-communist propaganda and work for a more assertive, independent Japan that can "assume a role at the forefront" of international politics.

Similar ideas are gaining in other quarters and the government is building toward greater influence in the world, in close

partnership with the United States.

Shintaro Ishihara, a well-known conservative in mainstream politics, has become a leader of the assertiveness movement with his popular book, "The Japan That Can Say No."

Sales of a sequel, "nevertheless, Japan Can Still Say No," have been brisk since it appeared May 22. The publisher, Kohensha, said 400,000 copies were in print.

Nomura describes Ishihara and other members of the governing Liberal Democratic Party as "fourth rate," but does not favour a government of the right.

"Real Japanese rightists don't seek formal power in the government," he said. "Those who do are fascists, and I disagree with their actions."

Racist doctrines are not acceptable, Nomura said, and he disagrees with the notion of Japanese superiority.

"Right after the end of the war, Americans suppressed Japanese nationalism, but then they decided communism was a greater threat and lumped rightists and gangsters together into a movement to fight the Reds," he said.

Few historians would blame America for the gangster element in Japan's right wing, but the United States had a strong influence on the right's postwar reformation.

During the occupation of 1945-52, US authorities first sought to stifle militant nationalism by purging right-wing leaders from public office and trying others as war criminals.

Communists

Fear of rightists gave way to concerns about the left when Japanese communists won nearly 3 million votes in the 1949 parliamentary elections and the Korean war began in 1950. A purge of communists was declared in 1950 and the campaign against the right ended in 1951.

Much of Nomura's adult life has been spent in prison. His first jail term, 12 years, was for burning down the home of a government minister in 1963.

Two years after his release, he forced his way into the Japan Federation of Economic Organ-



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isations headquarters and held four people hostage for 11 hours. He was sentenced to six years in prison.

"I was young then; I wouldn't do the same thing now," Nomura said, but added that he still believes violence is justified in some situations.

Violent attacks from the extreme right have increased.

Hitoshi Motoshima, the Christian mayor of Nagasaki, was seriously wounded by a rightist gunman in January. In

February, a rightist shot up the campaign office of former prime minister Yasuhiro Nakasone.

Police fear more rightist activity as Japan readies for the coronation of Emperor Akihito in November. Reverence for the emperor is a tenet of the right and could prompt clashes with leftists or other anti-monarchists.

Nomura promotes his ideas through his books and a soon will release a movie called "Cut Him Down," based on an unsuccessful military coup in February

1936.

Like most of the "old right," he favours scrapping the postwar constitution, which the United States wrote.

Constitution

"The constitution is simply a law imposed upon Japan, and although it has many good points, it isn't the product of our own effort," he said. "It is also full of contradictions, like the banning of army, navy and air forces. We have all of those things."

New Delhi buttresses military capability

CSM: Since the breakup of Pakistan and the emergence of Bangladesh in 1971, India has been acknowledged as the paramount power in the South Asia. An economic and technological surge during the last decade has buttressed its military capability. With the fourth largest army in the world and equally impressive air force and navy, along with an improving nuclear delivery capability, India has become a formidable military power not only in South Asia, but in the world.

The increased military strength of India understandably makes its neighbours, especially its old rival Pakistan, nervous. Despite the restrained posture adopted by Prime Minister V.P. Singh in dealing with Pakistan, some influential segments within India aspire to a dominant Indian role in South Asia. The most important of these is the Hindu-dominated Bharatiya Janata Party, a major partner in the coalition headed by Singh.

Hindu fundamentalism in India, encouraged by the electoral victories of the Bharatiya Janata Party, is on the rise. This fundamentalism is often directed against the Muslim minority in India and Pakistan.

Yet India faces problems that adversely affect its ability to influence the course of events in South Asia or other parts of the world. It is a society woefully divided by diverse religions, castes, languages, and a growing rift between affluent and poor. Recent developments in Kashmir and continuing unrest in Punjab reflect these divisions. Singh's government, despite an impressive first few months, is far from secure.

Pakistan, on the other hand, is beset with far more serious problems than India. The ethnic conflicts in Pakistan undermine its stability. Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto, who also heads a coalition, is even less secure politically than her Indian counterpart. Pakistan's economy has not performed as well as India's.

Pakistan's military capacity, however, is substantial. Its armed forces are as well-trained and disciplined as India's. It has an impressive array of weaponry, largely obtained from the United States. Pakistan also has the capability to build an atom bomb. But Pakistan's military strength does not match that of India, and unless it keeps refurbishing its arsenals it may become vulnerable to India's machinations in South Asia.

Military aid from Pakistan has considerable support in the US Departments of State and Defence, and in the White House. Support in Congress is not as certain. The Soviet threat, which was the basis of a massive aid programme to Pakistan in the 1980s, ceased to exist with the Soviet Union withdrawal from Afghanistan in 1989. The US administration now justifies military aid to Pakistan on the grounds of ensuring stability in South Asia and preventing the development of nuclear arms by Pakistan.

The changing world order will increasingly make it difficult for the US to provide military and economic aid to Pakistan at the level of the 1980s (approximately \$500 million annually).

Total American foreign aid appropriations, currently at under \$15 billion annually, is not likely to increase. Reduction in military aid and a reallocation of economic aid to help the new democracies in Eastern Europe and Central America are inevitable. Pakistan's aid package is likely to be reduced, leading to a decline in its military strength.

India's military strength will not be affected by the changing world order. India has diversified its weaponry and moved away from dependence on the Soviet weapons. It also has a sizable weapons industry of its own. Its power, relative to that of Pakistan, will increase.

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"Deep changes are taking place in Eastern Europe. When they say it is a collapse of socialism, we can counter: what type of socialism? A variety of the Stalinist which ourselves have abandoned." — Gorbachev, defending his foreign policy.

"If that's all you've got to say, sit down." — Gorbachev to a delegate who had questioned his handling of a session.

"I just hope that Steffi gets herself together and that she is able to overcome the incredible pressures that she's feeling, that she had nothing to do with." — Navratilova on Steffi's physical problems and emotional strain.

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Dollar at five-month low

LONDON, July 10, (Reuters): The dollar closed at its weakest against the yen for nearly five months today after a report by a US consulting firm said Japanese interest rates looked set to rise soon.

At the moment the sale of dollars for yen is where the market is focused, "one dealer in Frankfurt said. "We were ready for a technical recovery in yen anyway."

Gold ended in London more than \$4 down after falling sharply on what traders described as fairly heavy Middle East selling.

Share prices finished lower in generally quiet business in most high European centres.

The yen's rise was spurred by a report by US consultants Smith Barney International which saw an 80 to 90 per cent chance that the Bank of Japan, the central bank, will raise interest rates in the next few months.

A Bank of Japan official said the bank was monitoring the effects of earlier increases in its key discount rate and monetary policy remained unchanged.

Japan's official discount rate was last raised — by one percentage point to 5.25 per cent — on March 30 after months of market speculation on when the central bank might act.

The dollar dropped from yesterday's finish of 151.00 yen to end at 148.65, the lowest since it closed at 146.90 on Feb 23.

The dollar was weighed down by a continuing belief that the Federal Reserve, the US central bank, may soon decide to reduce interest rates to stimulate a slowing economy.

It ended a shade down at 1.6435 German marks after 1.6495 yesterday.

It was also under pressure from a still strong pound, although profit-taking was starting to appear early peaks.

The pound rose after British Chancellor of the Exchequer John Major, speaking in Houston at the world economic summit, said he had no objection to sterling's recent surge.

The rise has been fuelled by speculation the pound will soon join the European Monetary System's exchange rate mechanism which limits member currencies' fluctuations against each other.

The pound's rise was also helped by a 1.9045 rise in the close to 2.9773 after 2.9679 the close to 2.9773 yesterday.

In stock markets, British shares fell because of concern over the impact of sterling's strength on companies overseas earnings.

The financial Times Stock Exchange index of 100 blue chips closed 10 points lower at 2,342.7.

Paris and Frankfurt were also down in quiet trading.

Gold was hit by a burst of selling by Middle East investors during morning trading in London. It fell to \$332.25 an ounce from yesterday's high of \$338.25. By the close of business it had recovered to \$334.05.

Dealers said it was similar to two previous bouts of heavy Middle East selling that depressed the bullion price this year.

In Tokyo, the dollar ended sharply lower against the Japanese yen in hectic Tokyo trading as the currency market reacted to a report by a Washington-based consulting firm predicting higher interest rates in Japan.

Interest-rate jitters also pushed Tokyo stocks lower. Tokyo's benchmark 225-share Nikkei index closed down 385.85 points or 1.19 per cent at 32,152.43 after gaining 93.16 points on Monday.

The dollar was at 149.60 yen and 1.6398 West German marks after closing at 151.15 yen and 1.6530 marks in New York yesterday.

The Kuwaiti dinar interbank deposit market was again active in short dates today, but was generally quiet otherwise, dealers said.

Short dates dealt throughout the morning, and were initially well off. Overnight deals early at 7.3/4, 8/8, and 8.1/8 per cent, but dealt later at 8.3/4 and 8.7/8. The market was short, they said, and other short dates ended the morning firm. Fixed rates were quiet, they added, and rates were basically unchanged.

The Central Bank fixed the dinar at 2,907.88 to the dollar.

At the start of foreign exchange trading in Switzerland today, one Kuwaiti dinar was trading at 4.7529 Swiss francs, as against the closing rate yesterday, 4.7715, the Swiss-Kuwaiti Bank reported.

Against the dinar, the German mark opened at 5.6338 (5.6470), the pound sterling 1.8799 (1.8954), Japanese yen 314.4484 (317.0959), and the US dollar 3.4354 (3.4308).

The Saudi riyal interbank deposit market was subdued today, and little business was seen in either short dates or fixed rates, said dealers.

Business had picked up slightly yesterday, but the market had fallen quiet again, they said, and rates were basically unchanged.

G-7 pledge 'practical help' to Moscow

Leaders discuss offer

HOUSTON, July 10, (AP): Western leaders today praised the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe for moving toward democracy and a market-oriented economy, and promised "practical help" to encourage further change.

But the leaders continued their second day of discussions on exactly what kind of help to offer the Soviets when they issue the final statement of the 16th economic summit which ends tomorrow.

"It's not resolved. The heads of state are discussing it. There is no conclusion," said a US official at the start of today's talks.

President George Bush, host of the 16th annual summit, reiterated to the other leaders that he wants to see a serious move toward a market economy, a reduction of the defence budget and a halt to aid for Cuba before he would approve direct financial assistance to Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev, said West German spokesman Hans Klein.

China
In their political statement being issued later today, the leaders will call for exploration of further loans to China by the World Bank, according to an early draft. Most of the loans were stopped last year as punishment for China's crackdown on pro-democracy demonstrators.

But the leaders will refrain from resuming "major co-operation" with China pending Beijing's progress on respecting human rights, according to the draft obtained today as the leaders put the finishing touches on the language.

"We welcome the intention of the Soviet Union to move towards a democratic political system as well as Soviet attempts to reform their economy along market principles," according to the draft obtained by the Associated Press.

"We commit ourselves to work with the Soviet Union to assist its efforts to create an open society, a pluralistic democracy and market-oriented economy," it said.

Differences
"Every one of us is ready to provide practical help to those countries which choose freedom, in appropriate fashion, through expertise with the development of constitutions and in the legal and economic field as well as through economic support," it said.

The vague language was designed to paper over differences between the United States, Britain and Japan — which oppose giving the Soviets money — and West Germany, France and Italy, which favour a \$15 billion aid package.

In their final communique tomorrow, the leaders are expected to call for an international study of the Soviet economic needs before any concrete financial help is undertaken. They are also expected to allow each country to give money, if it wants.

The leaders of Britain, Canada, France, Italy, Japan, West Germany and the United States were joined at the start of their second day by their foreign and finance ministers around a large oval table in Herring Hall, one of their meeting sites at Rice University.

Subsidies
The leaders were also discussing the split between the United States and its European allies over providing subsidies to farmers.

Officials stepped up efforts to find common ground today in the contentious battle over billions of dollars in farm subsidies, as signs emerged that the outline of a compromise was taking shape.

US Trade Representative Carla Hills was meeting later in the day with Frans Andriessen, the top trade negotiator for the European Community, to search for a way to break a stalemate between the two over the farm subsidy question.

The United States has been calling since 1987 for an elimination of the subsidies by the year 2000 on the grounds they distort world trade, making agricultural commodities artificially cheap on the world market.

The subsidies cost \$245 billion a year to consumers and taxpayers around the world, with 90 per cent of the money coming from countries represented at the summit.

But the United States remains isolated from the Europeans and Japan on the issue. British Foreign Secretary Douglas Hurd said in an interview with BBC radio that US attacks on the European subsidies simply amounted to the Americans "sounding off salvos of artillery in order to frighten the horses."

"America protects its agriculture ferociously. So does Europe, though to a lesser extent... the Japanese protect theirs perhaps most of all," Hurd said.

But he said it was important for all sides to be willing to compromise. "It would be very damaging if there was not an agreement on this by the end of the year," Hurd said. "Everybody has to revise their attitudes."

Issues
The United States is also isolated from the Europeans over reducing pollutants blamed for warming the Earth's atmosphere.

On China, the summit seven are expected to permit Japan to go its own way on resuming loans to its giant Asian neighbour.

Takichiro Togo, a senior Japanese Foreign Ministry official, told reporters that Japan doesn't think the summit nations need to reach consensus on Japan.

"We will decide this on our own," Togo said. On two other issues, the leaders reached unanimity.

In today's political statement, drafted last night by the seven foreign ministers over dinner, the summit leaders condemned terrorism and hostage-taking, and deplored the proliferation of missiles and nuclear, chemical and biological weapons.

E. Europe
Western leaders welcomed the political and economic upheavals that have swept Eastern Europe and urged Romania to join its neighbours in adopting the sweeping reforms.

"Europe is at the dawn of a new era," the leaders said in a draft of their political communique.

"We welcome enthusiastically the profound and historic changes sweeping the (European) continent," the leaders said.

They said they will "seize all opportunities" to push for a united and free Europe and expressed pleasure at the impending merger of the two German states.

German unification, they said, offers a "major contribution" to stability in Europe.

They urged Romania, the recent site of violent repression against anti-government demonstrators, to join in the "positive trend" under way in neighbouring countries.

The Western nations already have promised billions of dollars in loans, food and other assistance to Moscow's once-staunch allies in Eastern Europe.

A year ago, at their summit in Paris, the leaders pledged the European Community, the 12-nation trading bloc, to find ways to help Poland and Hungary, which were just beginning to revamp their backward economies.

Commitments
Since then, the community has scrambled to bring together two dozen Western countries and drum up commitments of more than \$12 billion in a variety of aid for Poland and Hungary.

The assistance "is making a major contribution" to reviving the stricken economies of Poland and Hungary, said the community in a report of the yearlong programme.

"It has underpinned a radical stabilization programme in Poland, which might otherwise have proved too risky, and helped both countries to begin modernizing their economies," it said.

Because of the riches promised by the programme, other nations in Eastern Europe have appealed for help.



The economic summit participants stand at attention during the playing of the national anthems during welcoming ceremonies at Rice University in Houston. (Reuters wirephoto)

US-Soviet trade set to boom: Mosbacher

HOUSTON, July 10, (Reuters): Trade between the United States and the Soviet Union looks set to boom over the next few years as the two countries work together to promote stronger economic ties, US Commerce Secretary Robert Mosbacher said.

Declaring that trade not aid is the best way to help out the battered Soviet economy, Mosbacher predicted annual increases of 25 per cent or more on that front in the future.

Interview
"When you think about that over the next few years, that's a doubling (of trade)," he told Reuters in an interview yesterday.

Two-way trade between the former cold war adversaries currently runs at about \$3 billion per year. After factoring out the effects of inflation, bilateral trade now is actually smaller than it was in the early 19th century, when the two countries started dealing with each other.

Mosbacher said that American companies from computer giant International Business Machines Corp to film and theatre firms were interested in or already doing business in the Soviet Union.

Some are even looking into investing in real estate there, through acquisition of 99-year-lease property leases.

"The potential is tremendous," Mosbacher said.

Bills
But he said that some US companies have been discouraged from going ahead by the difficulties the Soviet Union is having in paying its bills on time.

Moscow, which in the past has had a gold-plated reputation as a credit risk, is behind on its payments to foreign suppliers and other companies by more than two billion dollars.

Mosbacher said that the United States has taken up the issue with the Soviet Union on US companies' behalf and Moscow is aware of the need to do something to correct it.

Credits
US exports to the Soviet Union could get a boost later this year when the US Export-Import Bank is expected to start guaranteeing trade credits and extending some project loans to Moscow, he said.

Such a move is contingent on the passage of legislation by the Soviet Union to allow free emigration and could be followed up later by more credit guarantees and loans from America's Overseas Private Investment Corporation, he said.

US President George Bush has ruled out direct aid to the Soviet Union for now, but has left the door open for trade credits.

The Commerce Department has signed an agreement with the Soviet government for the exchange of commercial and other information.

Abdullah, Assistant Minister of Defence for Saudi Arabia, Prince Abdullah Bin Faisal Bin Turki, Secretary General of the Royal Commission for Yanbu and Jubail, the Secretary General of the Gulf Co-operation Council (GCC) Abdullah Bishara, the Minister of Industry and Development in Bahrain Yusuf Shirawi, and former US secretary of defence Caspar Weinberger.

Saba told Kuna in a statement, "this conference signifies the beginning of a new and dynamic business relationship between the Arab Gulf and the US."

Featured speakers at the October Bahrain conference will include Prince Fahd Bin Abdulrahman Al Saud.

According to Saba, the Houston conference generated over \$200 million in business for participating companies.

The meeting is being organised in the US by Gulf-America, a campaign. Illinois company specialising in international business services and consulting.

The president of Gulf-America, who made the announcement of the timing and place of

Reactions divided

China imports fall

Yield rises

TOKYO, July 10, (Reuters): Japan's decision to resume official loans to Beijing after the economic summit in Houston has pleased the Tokyo business community but brought the threat of a hunger strike from angry Chinese students.

A Japanese government spokesman told a news conference in Houston that Prime Minister Toshiki Kaifu had informed leaders of the other six major industrial democracies at the summit that Japan would resume loans gradually after the July 9-11 meeting.

The leaders of France, Italy, the United States, Canada, Japan, Britain and West Germany are attending the summit.

The spokesman quoted Kaifu as saying Japan had made a political commitment to extend \$10 billion yen (\$5.6 billion) in official loans to Beijing, and that Japan could not break the promise.

The seven countries suspended their official loan programmes to Beijing in protest against China's military crackdown on pro-democracy demonstrators in June last year.

"Japan does not care about human rights, only about making money," said a spokesman in Tokyo for a Chinese dissident group, the Front for Democratic China.

He said about 20 members would start a hunger strike outside Japan's embassy in Washington today and protests would also be held in Tokyo.

"About 3,000 people remain in prison because of their part in the (pro-democracy) protest," he said. "Japan should wait until all of them have been released. Giving this loan will only enable the dictators to remain longer in power."

A spokesman for the Chinese embassy in Tokyo said he could not comment because he had not heard the news officially.

But Taizo Hashida, chief of the Bankers' Federation of Japan, told a news conference the federation welcomed the loan resumption.

"We think positively about it, but the association has to watch the movement of the United States and the World Bank. The association understands that the US and Britain can permit such a

BEIJING, July 10, (AP): China's industrial production responding to an infusion of bank credit, shot up 5.9 per cent in June, the newspaper China Daily reported today.

The paper hailed the increase since June 1989 as a sign that industry had been "jolted out of the doldrums" after several months of declining output or weak growth because of China's austerity programme.

With June's strong showing, industrial output for the first half of 1990 was 2.2 per cent over the same period last year. It totaled 925.4 billion yuan (\$196.5 billion US).

But the state statistical bureau warned that industry will have to maintain an 8 per cent growth rate in the second half of the year to reach the goals set in the state plan, the official Xinhua news agency reported. The plan projected an annual growth rate of 6 per cent.

Following the pattern of recent years, foreign-funded and private companies led the way with output up 39.7 per cent, to 45 billion yuan (\$9.6 billion). The output of rural collective enterprises grew 5.8 per cent, to 117.2 billion yuan (\$24.9 billion).

Officials said earlier in the week that the output of state-owned enterprises, the pillar of the economy, dropped 0.5 per cent.

The state-imposed austerity measures, begun in the fall of 1988, started causing factory shutdowns last year. Managers ran out of cash and couldn't get any from the government or banks.

Alarmed by rising unemployment and a 6 per cent drop in industrial output in January, the central government began easing its tight controls on credit and spending.

The Central Bank said last month it was planning to issue 55 billion yuan (\$11.7 billion) worth of loans for the year, nearly double its original quota.

Variations in tone in official news reports are signs of a debate behind the scenes on whether to continue the austerity programme, originally scheduled for three years, modify the programme or drop it.

The original goal was to restrain inflation, now down to less than 10 per cent from a peak of nearly 40 per cent in the summer of 1988.

move," said Hashida, who is also President of Fuji Bank.

He said the association was positive about investment in China, but was very cautious about the Soviet Union, which is just beginning reforms.

A Japanese banker said the loan resumption was good for banks, but they were limited in what new loans they could make to China by credit limits for countries. These limits are determined by inflation, foreign debt, foreign currency reserves and access to public loans in countries concerned.

"What is needed is for the World Bank to restore lending to the pre-crackdown level and for

Ecosoc sees 3pc growth in GNP

GENEVA, July 10, (Kuna): The economic situation in Western Asia saw an improvement in 1989, with the region's GNP (Gross National Product) growing at 3 per cent compared to 1.3 per cent in 1988, according to Tayseer Abdel Jaber, executive secretary of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA).

Participating in the debate on economic and social policy of the Economic and Social Council (Ecosoc), Jaber noted that some ESCWA countries were also under the burden of increasing external debts, with all the negative implications of those debts on the economic and social situation.

"In the area of social development, ESCWA countries are endeavouring to reduce illiteracy, expand health services, reduce child mortality rates, develop elderly care programmes and the integration of youth and women in the development process," he said.

Jaber observed that the international resolutions adopted for the purpose of reaching a just and comprehensive solution in the Palestinian and other Arab territories occupied by Israel had not yet been implemented.

"The Palestinian people are still striving, everyday, through the intifada, to claim their legitimate rights to independence, self-determination and the establishment of their own independent state on their fatherland," the executive secretary affirmed.

The firm ceasefire between Iraq and Iran had also had positive results for the two neighbouring countries and for the whole region, he contended.

The Lebanese strife, however, Jaber pointed out, had been escalating over the past year — increasing considerably the suffering of the Lebanese people.

The executive secretary also noted that the Gulf Co-operation Council, established in 1981, had continued its role in supporting co-ordination and integration in various economic and social sectors and fields.

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Bombay shares

Bombay Stock Exchange prices (Rs)				July 10, 1990			
ACC	Pr. Close	Open	Close	ACC	Pr. Close	Open	Close
Adm Chem	660	662	664	Mac Russel	92.50	92.50	91.25
Alm Chem	—	—	—	Mad Coats	123.50	123.50	122.50
Alm Chem	—	—	—	Mahindra	88.75	88.75	88.75
Ari Fab	—	—	—	Mas Share	19.85	19.75	19.65
Asbok Ley	82	83	82.50	Milford	147.50	147.50	157.50
Asia Paint	235	231.25	236.25	Modi	73	72.50	74
Atlas Corp	44	45	44	MRF Ltd	272.50	285	277.50
Auto Corp	70	68	68	Muk Iron	135.50	135.50	136
Bajaj Auto	461.50	461.50	466.33	Nocel	1250	1250	1320
Bar Rayon	1047.5	1050	1047.5	Nai Org	35	35.50	36.50
Blow Plast	—	—	—	Nippon	35	35.50	36.50
Bom Dye	257	257.50	253.50	Orkay	26	27	25.50
BK Bond	115.50	114	115.50	Oswal Agro	42.50	42	41.50
Burr Wei	67.50	62.50	67.50	Peco	—	—	—
Cashmere	—	—	—	Pfizer	88.50	87.50	88
Cen Enka	3725	3725	3725	Ponds	241.25	238.75	242.50
Cen Spg	3495	3495	3510	Prem Auto	65.50	67.50	68
Colgate	247.50	247.50	242.50	Reliance	104.50	106	98.50
Cromi Gr	1075	1075	1025	Shaw Wall	99	97	99
DCM	33.50	32.50	33	Shree Cem	—	—	—
Deep Fert	31.50	31	32	Shri Fib	47.50	45	47.50
Dunlop	58	56	58	Siemens	108	110	110
ET Hotels	60	58	59	SKF	1950	1600	1580
Car Poly	101	99.50	100	Sie	62	61.50	62
ESL Index	896.16	—	893.08	SI Mills	71	73	73
Eskayev	130	132.50	132.50	Tata Oil	—	—	—
Essar Spg	36.25	36.25	37	Tata Chem	119	119	119
Food Spl	117.50	118	118.75	Tata Pow	800	805	785
Forbes	60	58	59.50	Telco	160.50	161	158.50
Gar Poly	64	64	64	Thapp Agro	99	97	99
Gilindia	97	98	97	Tisco	130.50	132	129
GNFC	43.50	44.50	43	Vam Org	117	118.75	117.50
Grasim	141.50	142	142	Vareli	88	90	95
GE Shipg	41.35	41.25	42.50	Villas	23	24	24.75

New Dubai project will double output

Increase can add to Opec's quota problems

ABU DHABI, July 10, (Reuters): The oil output capacity of the United Arab Emirates state of Dubai will almost double after completion of a new project at its highest oilfield within a few months, senior Abu Dhabi oil sources said.

They said the Gulf emirate's increasing ability to pump oil could add to Opec's problems because despite the UAE's membership in Opec, Dubai did not need Opec quota restrictions.

Dubai is currently included in the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries' 1.095 million barrels per day (bpd) quota for the UAE.

million cubic feet per day to over 460 million, enabling the emirate to pump more oil.

The latest Reuters oil industry surveys put UAE June output at 1.95 million barrels per day (bpd).

Abu Dhabi oil sources have said they believe it would be better if Dubai were not included in any Opec quota. It has frequently complained that it alone has suffered by cutting oil output to match Opec quota limits.

"Experience shows that whenever Dubai's capacity rises, its production rises," said another Abu Dhabi-based oil executive. Dubai oil officials were not available for comment but sources at the three foreign firms involved in the estimated \$200 million project said the platform would be in position in September although it would take longer to get it connected to shore by pipeline.

"The project will almost double the field's output," said one senior Abu Dhabi executive. Fateh, along with another offshore field to the southwest, produces almost 90 per cent of Dubai's oil output.

The platform was built by the Singapore firm Far East Levingstone, will be installed by Brown and Root (Gulf) E.C., and fitted out by US company McDermott.

Dubai's output has risen steadily since it first found oil in 1969. The emirate has used the oil money to develop itself into one of the Gulf's main trade and service centres.

Dubai's estimated five billion barrels of proven oil reserves are only about one twentieth of Abu Dhabi's reserves.

No talks on quota until price reaches \$18 a barrel

JAKARTA, July 10, (UPI): Mines and Energy Minister Ginandjar Kartasasmita said Indonesia was of the opinion that it is impossible to talk about quotas as long as prices had not returned to the Opec reference price of \$18 a barrel.

"Opec should give a priority on efforts to improve the current weak oil prices," Ginandjar said. "Without this, it is impossible to talk about quotas."

Ginandjar said he had talks in Algiers with Algerian Minister of Petroleum Sadek Boussena and his Kuwait counterpart Rashid Al Ameri to discuss preparation for the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (Opec) conference scheduled to be held this month.

In early May, Opec agreed to cut production by 1.5 million barrels to 22 million barrels per day. But industry sources estimate the group's production is running about 23 million barrels a day as Opec prepares for its semi-annual ministerial meeting that opens July 25 in Geneva.

He said Kuwait had also pledged to lower its oil production to the level of its authorised quota of 1.5 million barrels per day from about 1.7 million barrels per day.

"We expect Kuwait's real contribution prior to the forthcoming conference," Ginandjar said. Ginandjar said agreement by the three Opec oil ministers achieved under the consideration that distribution of new quotas should be discussed after the recovery of crude oil prices.

The Soviet Union, facing a lack of fuel for domestic use, will cut its oil exports by 140,000 barrels a day, according to Premier Nikolai Ryzhkov.

Ryzhkov, answering questions Saturday by delegates to the 28th Communist Party Congress on the upcoming Soviet harvest, said the government decided in late June to cut its oil exports by 7 million metric tonnes, or 140,000 barrels a day. Crude prices edged higher today on expectations Nymex would open higher after yesterday's firmer US close, traders in the Far East and London said.

The biggest emirate of Abu Dhabi is pumping around 1.5 million bpd, well above its quota, and Dubai has been producing at capacity of 430,000 bpd, UAE oil industry sources said. UAE Oil Minister Mansour bin Jumaah has repeatedly demanded a two million bpd quota from the 13-member oil cartel.

Saudi Arabia today was hosting talks with other Gulf oil producers to tackle the quota-busting crisis which has caused the price of oil to plummet to around \$14 a barrel, \$4 below its Opec benchmark figure. The Dubai project, to install a new gas injection platform in the offshore Fateh field, will increase gas pressure into the field from 300

Thanks to Japan Sun

High-tech jobs for handicapped

BEPPU, Japan, July 10, (Reuters): For Tatsuo Yamashita, a wheelchair-bound victim, finding a job transformed his life of despair. He has Japan Sun Industries to thank.

The 25-year-old institution not only offers specialist treatment for paraplegics and other physically handicapped people but also provides them with high-technology employment in association with some of Japan's industrial giants — including Mitsubishi, Honda and Sony.

programmer who only has use of his right hand. "The only thing I had was a vague hope to have a family."

Now married with two children, Yamashita leads a team of eight programmers who work for the Mitsubishi trading house. Yamashita says he takes pride in his job, providing software for the personnel department at Mitsubishi, which employs more than 10,000 people in nearly 300 offices around the world.

"Those cared for here are not just recipients of welfare. They are respectable workers in society," said Dr Kazuo Hatada, president of Japan Sun.

The finished products must be of top quality and the joint ventures must make a profit in order for them, and us, to stay on a commercial basis," said Hatada, an orthopaedic surgeon. "It's not just one-sided charity."

Japan Sun employs 978 disabled full-time workers in 14 subsidiaries and joint venture firms. Many of them are paraplegics, either from spinal injuries, cerebral palsy or polio.

The idea struck Japan Sun's founder, the late Dr Yutaka Nakamura, in the early 1960s when he visited England's Stoke Mandeville Treatment Centre and saw, to his amazement, paraplegics taking part in sport.

The handicapped in Japan, then as now, were shunned and more or less hidden from society. The public would criticise doctors if they encouraged disabled people to work or play sport.

But, fired by what he saw at Stoke Mandeville and the 1964 Paralympics, or Olympic Games for the disabled, Nakamura successfully introduced the wheelchair marathon and other sporting events for the disabled to Japan.

He then turned to providing them with stable jobs, not only for income but to give them the self-respect many handicapped people lacked.

Row over software draft

EC seen protecting US vendors

LONDON, July 10, (Reuters): A row has broken out among computer makers big and small over a draft European Community directive which proposes far more copyright protection for software than already exists in either the United States or Japan.

Critics charge that the European Community proposal protects large computer vendors, particularly US companies, while European users and smaller companies become net losers.

Supporters of the draft include the US-based International Business Machines Corp (IBM) and Digital Equipment Corp, the world's two largest computer companies. They argue the measure is necessary to protect proprietary systems and say a more open policy would benefit the Japanese computer powerhouses rather than the smaller European industry.

Computer industry analysts said the directive, irrespective of its merits, could slow the growth of the European market by making it harder to develop open systems such as Unix, the fastest growing segment.

"(The European Community) probably started out to be well-meaning, but they've just thrown a spanner in the works of the industry's growth," said Dennis Exton, an electronics analyst in London with Merrill Lynch.

Some EC insiders say the issue has been the object of more lobbying than any in the community's history, and both positions will be vigorously argued before the European Parliament when it votes on the directive in Strasbourg tomorrow.

The Parliament can amend such directives, which are proposed by the EC's executive commission, but the 12-nation bloc's council of ministers can overrule any changes.

The outcome is being closely watched by the international community because it involves intellectual property, a contentious issue under discussion in the four-year Uruguay round of inter-

national trade talks under the auspices of General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) due to end late this year.

The row revolves around reverse engineering — the process of taking apart a piece of software to see how it works and then building another without actually copying the key components.

Software is the numerical code that makes up the instructions to the computer, and can be either an operating system, such as Unix, or an application, such as word processing or spreadsheets. Only by knowing this code can developers design the interfaces that allow software programmes which work together.

Reverse engineering is essential to the world's software industry. For example, companies which want to sell a word processing programme that works on an IBM computer must know how the IBM operating system works.

The EC directive would grant a developer ownership of a programme for 50 years after its creation, banning all reverse engineering unless licensed by the programmer. No country currently bans reverse engineering completely and every European country has different laws in this area.

Most large computer companies, including IBM, Digital and West Germany's Siemens AG, are members of the Software Action Group for Europe (SAGE), the principal lobbying group in favour of the directive.

The Business Software Alliance (BSA), a group representing the six largest US personal computer software publishers, also supports the directive, and is seeking US government support for the draft. "Reverse engineering would allow firms — especially large Japanese hardware companies — to copy successful computer programmes after others have invested the research and development needed to bring the programmes to market," BSA said.

13pc infected in Japan Computer virus

TOKYO, July 10, (AP): A survey of major computer makers and users indicates 13 per cent of Japan's computers have been infected by "viruses" that can destroy data or hinder operations, a technology monitoring agency said today.

Hiraku Fujioka of the information-technology promotion agency said that to help find anti-virus measures, the agency sent questionnaires in March to 500 major computer makers, corporate users, universities, research institutions and local government offices throughout the nation.

Of the 379 that responded, 50, or 13.2 per cent, said their computers have been infected by such viruses, he added. Computer viruses, created by unknown programmers, are items of software that make copies of themselves and spread from one machine to another through infected floppy disks, office networks or telephone access lines. They erode a computer's processing power and storage space, or destroy stored information.

Fujioka said the agency now is meeting officials to find out the extent of damage in each case. The agency receives about half its funds from a subsidy from the Ministry of International Trade and Industry, for which it works, and the rest from activities such as selling computer programmes.

Dumez, Lyonnaise plan huge merger

PARIS, July 10, (Reuters): French construction group Dumez and water distributor Lyonnaise des Eaux are set to announce one of the largest French mergers later today, financial sources close to the negotiations told Reuters.

The new group, which will cover civil engineering and water distribution activities, will have combined turnover of around 50 billion francs (\$9 billion) with a base capitalisation of about 27 billion francs (\$4.8 billion) the sources said.

A joint statement is due by 1530 GMT and spokesmen from the two companies declined comment ahead of this.

■ Air France began talks with unions today to avert flight chaos this week after a strike call by ground technicians.

The technicians, claiming their jobs are being downgraded, yesterday, formally threatened to strike from Thursday at 10 pm (2000 GMT) to Saturday at 6 am (0400 GMT).

A spokesman for the national carrier said as talks opened that he expected a settlement to be announced tomorrow. He declined to speculate on how many flights would be cancelled if the strike goes ahead. It is timed to coincide with heavy traffic ahead of France's July 14 national holiday.

French air controllers were on strike last week.

Recession in East, growth in West

GENEVA, July 10, (IAP): The recession in East Europe and the Soviet Union is deepening, in contrast to strong economic growth in Western market economies, according to a new UN report.

The report published yesterday warned of bleak economic prospects for East Germany in the near future. It said tensions, including unemployment, arising from economic union with West Germany should not be underestimated.

However, the report added that stagnation of the East German economy in the medium term "would not appear to be a realistic scenario."

The report was compiled by experts at the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe that groups East and West Europe, the United States and Canada. It was published as an update to the 34-nation ECE's main annual survey issued in April.

The 27-page report said gross industrial output in East Europe fell by 13.4 per cent in the first three months of 1990. In the Soviet Union it was down 1.2 per cent.

EC unemployment steady at 8.6pc

LUXEMBOURG, July 10, (Reuters): Unemployment in the European Community held steady at 8.6 per cent in May, unchanged from the start of the year but down from 9.3 per cent in the same month of 1989, the EC's statistical office Eurostat said.

A fall in unemployment among young EC citizens continued, notably in Spain, where the figure dropped by 1.2 per cent since the beginning of the year.

Eurostat said in a statement. Joblessness remained little changed overall in the community member states in May, with slight falls in Belgium, Spain and West Germany and slight rises in Italy, Denmark, Ireland, the Netherlands and Luxembourg, it added.

The following table gives seasonally adjusted rates

	May 1990	May 1989
Belgium	7.9	9.9
Denmark	6.9	7.1
West Germany	5.2	6.9
Spain	13.8	15.0
France	8.3	10.0
Ireland	16.6	17.0
Italy	11.1	10.7
Luxembourg	1.7	1.8
Netherlands	8.9	10.3
Portugal	5.1	5.2
Britain	6.0	6.5

of unemployment. Figures were not available for Greece.

In volume terms, East European exports to the West were six per cent lower than the first quarter of 1989. Romania and Bulgaria witnessed the largest falls. Exports from the Soviet Union to the West fell 10 per cent, the report.

It said by mid-1990, economic policies of the emerging democracies in Eastern Europe were dominated by uncertainty.

"The only certain element appears to be that the recession in Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union is far from having run its course," it said.

In a special section on German Economic and Monetary Union, the report said East Germany's huge investment potential was likely to favour a "relatively strong recovery in the medium term."

UN officials said "medium term" was defined as a period of at least one year after political union.

The report said that estimates for investment in infrastructure, environmental protection and industrial capital added up to more than 1,500 billion Deutsche marks (\$918 billion).

In the short term — before full reunification of the two countries — a severe downturn in East German economic activity could not be ruled out, the report said.

But it stressed that wealthy West Germany could afford the level of financial help needed by the East. Increased tax revenues from higher than expected economic growth in West Germany meant that further tax increases might not be needed to finance the costs of unification, it said.

Neil Bush defends role in thrift case

WASHINGTON, July 10, (UPI): Neil Bush, the President's son, defended his role as head of a failed Denver thrift as well as his acceptance of a \$100,000 loan from an investor he did not have to repay, the Washington Post reported today.

Bush, 35, who faces a hearing this fall before Federal Savings and Loans regulators, responded to allegations that while a director of Silverado Savings and Loan he violated conflict-of-interest rules by voting to approve loans to individuals with whom he had a business relationship.

Silverado's failure is expected to cost taxpayers an estimated \$1 billion and Bush has become a central figure in the collapse of the S-and-L industry, the most expensive financial scandal in US history.

Bush acknowledged "in an interview that he received "an incredibly sweet deal" in 1984 when Denver investor Kenneth Good lent him \$100,000 and then forgave the debt. Bush, who was not a member of the board when he received the loan, also said he would report that payment on his 1990 taxes.

Bush insisted that the loan was "totally unrelated" to his work for Silverado and that other charges against him were political "opportunism" and "press sensationalism."

The federal office of Thrift Supervision, which is overseeing the bailout of the Savings and Loan industry, proposed a decree in January banning Bush from the banking industry because of his actions. Bush refused to accede and the decree proposal was withdrawn.

Bush said he decided to fight regulators "because I know I haven't done anything wrong," noting that his troubles could provide Democrats with campaign fodder for the November congressional and state elections. After keeping his own counsel for months, Bush decided to go public. "I've been kind of like a little caged-in animal in an unsanitary zoo," he said. "Now my cage is open and I'm telling people... what my side of the story is. And I feel good about it."

"I know I'm a better person for it," said Bush. "I am stronger... I'm eating better, drinking fruit juice. I feel like I'm warming for a fight."

In his response, Bush said the September disciplinary proceeding against him "is unprecedented." He noted that thrift regulators have not previously pursued such charges against a person who is no longer involved in banking. Bush quit the Silverado board in the summer of 1988.

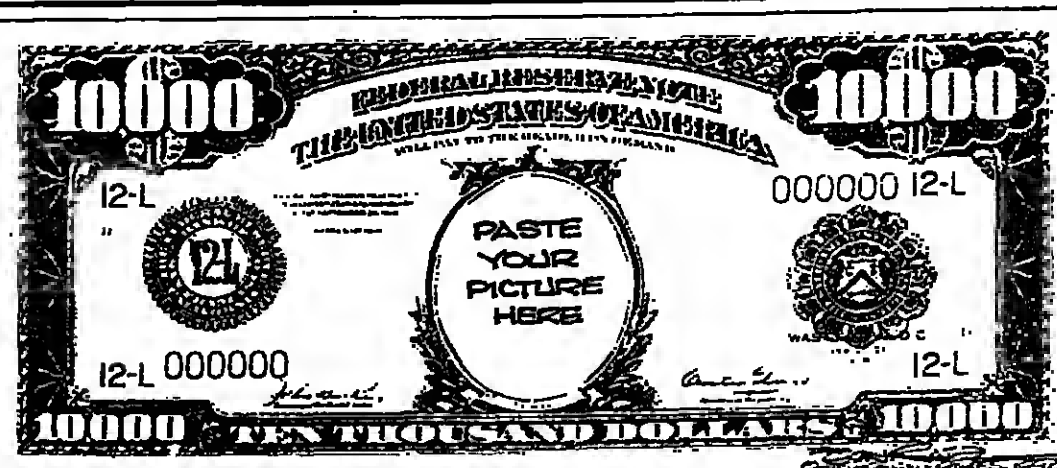
Bush also challenged regulators' contention he violated regulations by voting to approve Silverado loans to Bill Waters, a Denver developer who had invested in Bush's oil company. Bush said there was no conflict of interest in his votes because other bank officials knew of his ties to Waters.

2 commodities traders convicted on fraud charges

CHICAGO, July 10, (AP): A federal jury yesterday convicted two commodities traders on fraud charges in the first trial stemming from an FBI sting operation at the world's two largest futures exchanges.

A third trader was acquitted on two fraud counts.

US District Judge Ann C. Williams declared a mistrial on scores of other charges, including a racketeering count against one of the defendants. The jury deliberated 11 days before announcing it could not reach a



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Business News Briefs

Swissair service: The US Transportation department on Monday authorised Swissair Transport Co Ltd to provide service between Philadelphia and Zurich, Switzerland.

In its order, the department said the Swiss carrier could combine the Philadelphia flights with existing service to Boston, allowing a stop in that city. Swissair's new authority will be effective for one year and the airline must begin service within 90 days, the department said in a release. (UPI)

JAL, KAL to co-operate: Japan Airlines and Korean Air have agreed to co-operate in the mutual development of their Computer Reservations Systems, the Japanese airline announced Monday. Under the agreement, the two companies propose to set up a CRS alliance to cover a wide range of co-operation and co-ordination, including establishment of a joint business strategy and technical co-operation, the company said. (UPI)

Mitsubishi, CRT joint venture: Mitsubishi Trust and Banking Corp said Monday it will form a 50-50 joint venture with Chicago-based Research and Trading Group, Ltd to engage in arbitrage trading. CRT, founded in 1977, is one of the world's largest arbitrage trading firms, and trades and clears about 150,000 to 200,000 contracts world-wide each day, the company said. (UPI)

Plans to purchase aircraft: Major Japanese Airline All Nippon Airways said Tuesday it plans to purchase about 30 next generation medium-sized aircraft, worth a total of about \$60 billion yen (about \$3.3 billion) starting around 1995. "An expert commission will be inaugurated Wednesday to select the aircraft to be purchased," said a spokesman for the airline.

Among the aircraft to be reviewed by the commission will be the Boeing 777 which is under joint development by the Seattle-based aircraft maker and Japanese heavy industry companies, the McDonnell-Douglas MD11 and A330/A340 of Airbus Industries of Europe, said the official, who declined to be named. (UPI)

Oki electric to buy UK firm: Japanese electronic firm Oki Electric Co. said Tuesday it has reached basic agreement with Technitron PLC of Britain to purchase the latter's data equipment division for £25 million (about \$46.4 million). The Tokyo-based company said the acquisition will be made by its British subsidiary Oki Europe Ltd. A formal agreement is expected to be signed in late August, the company said.

ILO says Precarious jobs increase

GENEVA, July 10, (Reuters): More people in Western Europe than ever before are working in part-time or temporary jobs, without pensions or social security benefits, the International Labour Organisation (ILO) said today.

The so-called precarious jobs, including work at home and self-employment, steadily eroded stable wage employment in many countries during the 1970s and 1980s, it said in a report. The most recent statistics, for 1985, put the Netherlands at the top of the list, with 22.6 per cent of all wage employment classed as part-time, followed by Britain with 21.8 per cent.

West Germany had 12.3 per cent, France 10.5 per cent and Belgium 9.3 per cent.

The share of women in part-time employment ranged from 51 per cent in the Netherlands to 21 per cent in France.

High unemployment had weakened the position of job-seekers, making it possible for employers to offer less attractive terms, the ILO said.

The purchase will include sales subsidiaries owned by Technitron in seven European countries, the company said. (UPI)

HK-Japan-Korea cable link: A newly-completed \$175 million fiber optic cable linking Hong Kong, Japan and South Korea will be officially opened to telecommunications traffic Tuesday, KDD (overseas communications Japan) announced Monday.

The company said the 2,840-mile (4,571-km) cable with capacity of 7,560 circuits will be linked to other existing trans-Pacific cables, substantially augmenting international telecommunications traffic. A group of 29 carriers from 12 countries, including KDD, Hong Kong Telecom International Ltd, and Korea Telecommunications Authority, participated in the construction to meet a growing volume of international communications, the company said. (UPI)

MMI eyeing East Europe

World's biggest insurance broker

WARSAW, July 10, (Reuters): Marsh and McLennan Companies Inc (MMI) of the United States, the world's biggest insurance broker, said today it was eyeing business opportunities in Eastern Europe.

"We've made a commitment to taking a very serious look at East European countries. It's the only part of the world we're not operating in at the moment," MMI deputy chairman Philip Wroughton said during a visit to Warsaw.

New York-based MMI opened an office in Vienna last month responsible for Eastern Europe. Wroughton told reporters prospects for business in Poland would depend on insurance legislation expected to go before parliament shortly.

"If it turns out to be favourable towards brokers and a free market, we would be taking a very serious look," he said.

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Video Roundup

Tipu — the man and the soap

By Fathima Ahmed
Arab Times staff

THE making of Indian historical serial, *The Sword of Tipu Sultan*, was beset with problems, including the tragic fire in a studio killing and maiming several people. Its showing was held up because of an ugly debate regarding Tipu Sultan's credentials — a man who, if not a hero, should be revered for his sheer guts for fighting the British when other maharajas were laying down arms.

Some sections of the society branded him a racist and condemned what they believed was Tipu's "glorification" on a national network. Would they object to glorification of Ashoka, whose Kalinga invasion resulted in nearly a million dead? But the Indian prime minister's wise decision, clearing the serial for showing in early April, proved that the country still lives up to its secular claim.

As eminent journalist K.R. Malkani rightly put it: "Every nation needs its heroes — and villains. They define a nation's hopes, fears and goals... I submit men like Akbar, Dara Shikoh and Tipu Sultan qualify as heroes and not as villains."

Whatever his place in history, hero or villain, history records Tipu Sultan's vision. He did in the 18th century what Green Peace and human rights groups are promoting in the 21st century. Tipu's environmental concerns resulted in a prohibition on felling trees and hunting; he banned forced labour and torture of suspected criminals. He stressed literacy and is said to have set up schools every four miles in his territory. He also established foreign trading posts in Jeddah, Aden and Basra. He had diplomatic ties with Iran, Mauritius and Turkey, and corresponded with Napoleon. He gave Mysore, now known as Karnataka, its silk and sandal-



Sanjay Khan, who plays the title role of Tipu Sultan.

wood industries.

If he so desired, Tipu Sultan could have bowed to the British and survived like Hyderabad's Nizam or scores of other maharajas. He chose death to

submission. And when he finally fell fighting, due to the connivance of treacherous allies, in 1799, the then Governor-General Lord Wellesley, toasted "The Corpse of India." Herein

lies Tipu's "heroism," and for this alone, he should, if not glorified, at least be remembered. This was the man. Now, Sanjay Khan's serial — *The Sword of Tipu Sultan*. Part One, with four

episodes, is now available in video shops. And like most of Khan's films, it smacks of commercialism. It's a soap opera. After watching the first few episodes, in which Tipu has not yet appeared, we feel that this serial belongs to the familiar, melodramatic style of Hindi film-making. It's not an epic or a lavish production.

And Doordarshan disclaims any authenticity by categorically stating it's a dramatisation of a book on Tipu Sultan.

The serial starts with the life of Tipu's grandfather, Fateh Mohammad, who becomes a victim of political intrigue and follows the early life of his father Hyder Ali's rebellion against the "farangis" (British). Hyder Ali led a Robin Hood type of group, robbing the British to help the poor.

Khan has recreated a semblance of period flavour — but in the style of sentimental Hindi sagas. We could call it a soap opera, a historical soap, if you may. From beneath appear subtle touches of a lifestyle as ancient as Tipu himself.

Like most soaps, it's addictive despite the absence of finesse. Sanjay Khan, whose face was badly scarred in the studio fire, plays Tipu Sultan. Dr Maya Alagh, a youthful mother of two, also stars.

And the controversy that erupted before its showing seems to be the work of a few stilted brains who do not see beyond their noses.

Lekha, another Indian TV serial, focusses on the life of a little boy and how he learns to cope with growing up in a village environment. This serial is in three parts, and all are available.

Excuse Me Baba is a Pakistani stage comedy; in the tradition of stage shows it is loud and clear, and has its funny moments. Omar Sharif is the star of the show.

The above videos are by courtesy of Athari Video, Farwaniya; and Al Bakar Video, Salmiya.

TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

KTV 1

9.00 Holy Quran
9.15 Cartoons
9.40 Ifrah Ya Simsim: a children's programme
10.10 Good Morning
10.15 Waad Nabaar: daily serial, featuring Azza Kamal, Mustafa Fahmi
11.15 Sabab Al Khair
12.00 Al Kanaz: Arabic serial, starring: Hind Kamel, Nazir Al Samarai
1.00 News Summary
1.05 World News via Satellite
2.00 Al Sanafer: cartoon serial
2.30 Saif Haar: Gulf serial
3.30 Lassic: English feature
4.30 English serial
5.30 Adventures: cartoon serial
6.30 Alam Al Ghad (Tomorrow's World) — documentary
7.30 Music
8.15 Lo haat Shabiya: presented by Mohammad Mutairi
9.00 News in Arabic
9.45 Raqeeh La Yanam: Arabic serial, starring Ahmad Mazhar, Samiya Al Aifi
11.30 Soira Ijtimaiah:



Ifrah Ya Simsim, Sesame Street, KTV 1
"Laila Khamess", Part 4, Starring: Abdul Hadi Sabagh, Faraj Jabar
12.15 News Summary
12.20 World News via Satellite
12.40 Holy Quran/Closedown

KTV 2

6.00 Holy Quran
6.10 The Karate Kid: cartoon serial
6.30 Alif: "Breaking Up is Hard to Do." Alif

creates trouble for the neighbours: and Trevor is jealous.
7.00 P.M. Magazine: a magazine featuring science news from around the world.
8.00 News in English
8.40 Chart Attack: Top twenty songs from Europe.
9.10 Paradise: "The Common Good." Ethan manages to put Jenny Ryan behind bars; he also has to fight attempts to free her.
10.00 Witness to Survival: a model loses her face in an accident. Her determination to be normal amazes her doctors.
10.30 Feature Film: "The Honeymoon Machine." Comedy.
12.00 News in Brief
12.10 Magazine D'Actualite/Closedown

Please note that Kuwaiti television programmes and timings are liable to change without notice.

PRAYERS

Fajr	3.23 am
Zuhr	11.53
Asr	3.28 pm
Maghreb	6.50
Isha	8.21

CINEMA TODAY

Al Andalus
Jazira Al Shaitan (Arabic)
Starring: Adel Imam, Yusra Al Samir
Arabic play
Al Hama
Al Moallim Samah (Arabic)
Starring: Ezzat Alaili, Madiha Kamel
Drive-In
Jazira Al Shaitan (Arabic)
Starring: Adel Imam, Yusra Al Firdous
Tu Nagin Main Sapera (Hindi)
Starring: Sumet Saigal, Sonika Gill

Fahad Open-Air
Krodh (Hindi)
Starring: Sunny Deol
Al Fahad
Hanafi Al Abbahu (Arabic)
Al Jahra
Al Raqassah Wal Siyassi (Arabic)
Granada
Closed
Salaikhah
Tiger on the Beat
Al Jleeb
Oru Vadakkan Veera Gadhah (Malayalam)
Ahmadi Drive-In
Al Raqassah Wal Siyassi (Arabic)

NIGHT CHEMIST

Kuwait
Al Baghdad
Abdullah Al Salem St.
Al Loola
Ahmad Jaber St.
Hawalli and Nagra
Al Khilaf
Beirut St.
Salmiya
Al Qortoba
Salem Al Mubarak St.
Fahad
Al Burgan
Souk Sabah
New Khalat
Al Ahram
Rehmani Bldg., Block 2
Jahra
Al Najah
Area 4: Block 4



Fire evacuation exercise

The Kuwait International Hotel recently held a fire evacuation exercise. It was conducted with the assistance of the Fire Brigade, Ministry of Interior, Civil Defence and the Medical Emergency Services. The fire brigade arrived within seven minutes of getting a call to put out a mock fire. And the exercise was successful. Above: fireman putting out a fire; below: the guests who were "evacuated" within 15 minutes of the fake fire.



KLM inaugural flight to Baltimore/Washington

KLM's inaugural flight to the new US destination Baltimore/Washington departed on schedule, at 13.25 hrs. Friday, June 22nd 1990.

Baltimore/Washington is KLM's eighth destination in the United States.

The inaugural flight, piloted by Captain B. Lagerwey, was flown by Boeing 747-400, the PH-BFE 'Melbourne' with 214 passengers and more than 37,000kg of freight on board.

A festive atmosphere was created for the Schiphol departure by a celebration arch over the boarding gate.

The passengers for the inaugural flight were given a musical send-off by the band 'The Airport Convention' who played for them a potpourri of lively American tunes.



L.J. van Ameyden, Deputy President KLM Royal Dutch Airlines seen at Schiphol wishing the crew of the KLM inaugural flight to Baltimore/Washington 'bon voyage'. He was assisted by 'Uncle Sam' dressed in the traditional striped suit and top hat.

This new service will have an initial frequency of one flight per week, followed by a second

weekly flight as from July 8th, departing from Schiphol on Sundays.

WHAT'S ON

Approb 'Who's Who' directory

THE Association of Pakistani Professionals and Businessmen (Approb) is planning to publish a "Who's Who" directory of prominent Pakistani professionals and businessmen resident in Kuwait by January 1991. The directory aims at providing information about all Pakistanis proficient and distinguished in their professions and businesses.

Data forms are available free of cost from Approb executive board members and other locations. For further details contact Approb on Tel. No. 2425315, Fax 5323751, P.O. Box 2351, Salmiya, 22024 Salmiya, Kuwait.

A copy of the directory will be given free of charge to all individuals whose names will appear in the directory.

French National Day
July 13: French Ambassador Jean Bellivier invites the French community to a reception, 7 pm, at his residence, Jabriya, Block 10.
July 14: The Ambassador also invites the French community to a reception, from 7 to 9 pm, at the Meridien Hotel, Jahra Ballroom.

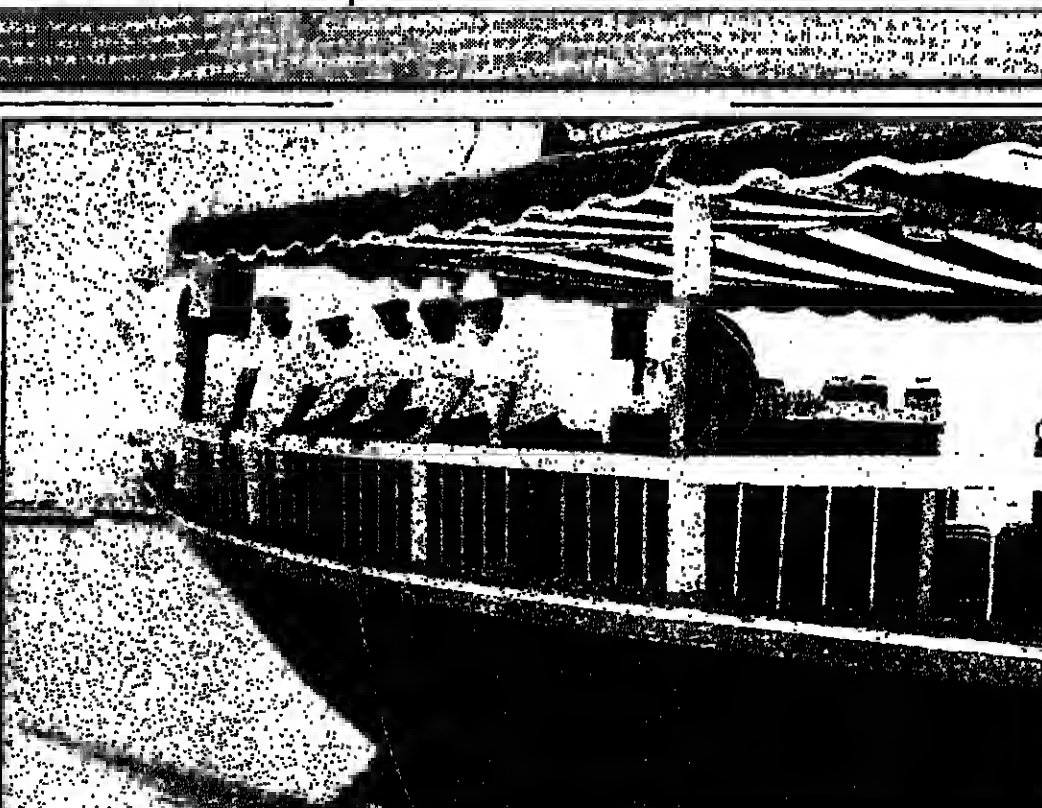
Summerbelle '90
Aug 2: United Goans Centre will hold Summerbelle '90 at the SAS Hotel's The Tent. Top Ranks and Hurricane Alley in attendance. For reservations call: Tony 2612024; Cyril 253930; Joe 5655140.

Kapilku
July 19: Kapilku awards certificates of attendance to those who attended tailoring, book-keeping, basic accounts and basic computer courses. The ceremony will be held at Al Araliya Restaurant, 8 pm. Philippine Ambassador Maung Mohammad Tamano will be the chief guest. Buffet dinner, KD 3 per person. Proceeds will go towards the school fund.

Those who attended self-improvement classes are asked to contact Sarah Macarimbang. Tel: 4839009, 4839889, 4843447.

Natya Bharati

Natya Bharati calls amateur dramatists to audition for their fourth Hindi production entitled "Badi Buaji" (The Big Aunt), a full-length comedy which will be performed in mid-October. Required a female lead, young smart lady, past stage experience would be an asset, two supporting actresses, character actors, a middle-aged



Summer special

The Sheraton Hotel provides catering to groups going sailing or fishing, or simply spending a day out on the beach. The Sheraton 'Crew', a press release said, is always ready to go with you wherever you go.

man with a good personality and two young men in their early 30s. Genuinely interested people who plan to stay in Kuwait during summer holidays can contact 4880965 or 5623810 after 1.30 pm or 3721545 after 8.30 am for further details.

Goan drama
Sept 21: Goan comedy king Bah Prince Jacob will present the comedy "Pergaum" (announcement) at Indian Arts Circle. The programme will be organised by Menino de S. Fernandes. For details call Fernandes: 2435685; 2435688.

Sur Sangeet

July 19: A musical evening will be presented by Sur Sangeet group to say farewell to outgoing Indian Deputy Secretary S.M. Mathur. Singers participating in the show include Valencia, Rosebud, Laxmi, Charlie, Shahnawaz Karim.

Rock and Reggae

July 22: "Let's Rock and Reggae", a concert with Steve Michael and the Afro Beat, will be held from 9pm at the Holiday-Inn Hotel's Grand Ballroom. Vocalist Sheryl Pereira will make a special appearance as a soloist and also join Steve in some duets. Tina Mathews will perform a Reggae dance routine. Reserva-

tions open. Tel: 2405648; 2476660; 5714340; 5721030. Tickets also available from special desk in Holiday Inn lobby. The concert is being organised and presented by Phil Danielle. Early bookings are advised due to limited seating.

British Council

July 14/15: 6.30 pm. "The Shooting Party." (92 minutes). They are elegant, arrogant and assured. They dine, shoot, gossip and flirt. But then, it is 1913 and disturbing undercurrents lie beneath the glittering facade of this film. James Mason's swan song. Winner of the Best of the British Director Award. Admission free. But reservations must be made. Tel: 2533204; 2533227.

At Al Salam

July 12 — 19
Al Bender Coffee Shop: Arabic and Continental buffets, lunch and dinner; also a la carte; open 6 am to midnight.

Al Mawardi Open-Air Cafe: open from 6 pm to midnight.

Al Gandolfi Grill Garden: open after 6 pm; grilled food.

Friday brunch: 12 noon to 3 pm, ship discovery tour, entertainment for children and cartoon-strip characters.

At the Mesliah Beach
Al Mubarakiah: open around the clock; seafood promotion on Wednesdays, 7 pm; Fridays — Middle Eastern cuisine.

Al Jawharah: Thursday special — special menu; music by Rainbow Band.

Al Berdounah: BBQ on Thursday in beach-garden restaurant; Lebanese food.

At the Holiday Inn

Al Ahmadi Coffee Shop: breakfast, lunch and dinner. Buffets featuring Continental and Oriental cuisine; emphasis on seafood.

Al Andalus Supper Club: Arabic style dining on Thursday nights; music by resident Arab band.

Friday Family Lunch: Disney Fantasy; children half price.

At the Meridien

La Brasserie
Thai Corner: Saturday night. Cowboy Night: Every Sunday, with live country music.

Chinese Corner: Monday night feature.

Greek Taverna: Mediterranean magic with bousoiki music.

Indonesian corner: on Wednesdays; food prepared in front of you.

Jazz Night: New Orleans atmosphere on Thursday night.

Friday: Oriental luncheon buffet; family day.

Versailles: Business lunch; and a la carte dinner.

At the International
Fallaka: situated on the 19th floor, overlooking the coastline, it offers international cuisine; live entertainment in the evenings. Closed on Fridays.

La Palma: offers buffet as well as a la carte. Family style brunch on Fridays.

Kel: offers Japanese dining in an oriental atmosphere.

La Patisserie: selection of snacks; pianist in the evenings.

Al Waha: ice cream promotion featuring different flavours, until August 1990.

At the Plaza:

Al Dallah Coffee Shop: international cuisine; open buffet plus menu.

Lolouwah Corner: snacks and refreshing summer drinks.

Marco Polo: Italian ambience and cuisine, particularly pasta.

At the SAS

Bistretto: Sunday/Wednesday — pasta night; Italian music.

Peacock Room: Chinese cuisine; lunch and dinner.

Al Boom: Kuwaiti experience; charcoal grilled food, plus mezzeh buffet.

Clock: snack bar — burgers, french fries, etc.

At Al Salam

July 12-19: Seafood festival at El Bender Coffee Shop; 7 pm to midnight. Flotat Al Salam features jumbo shrimps and lobsters and other seafood specialities.

Sport

All-Filipino

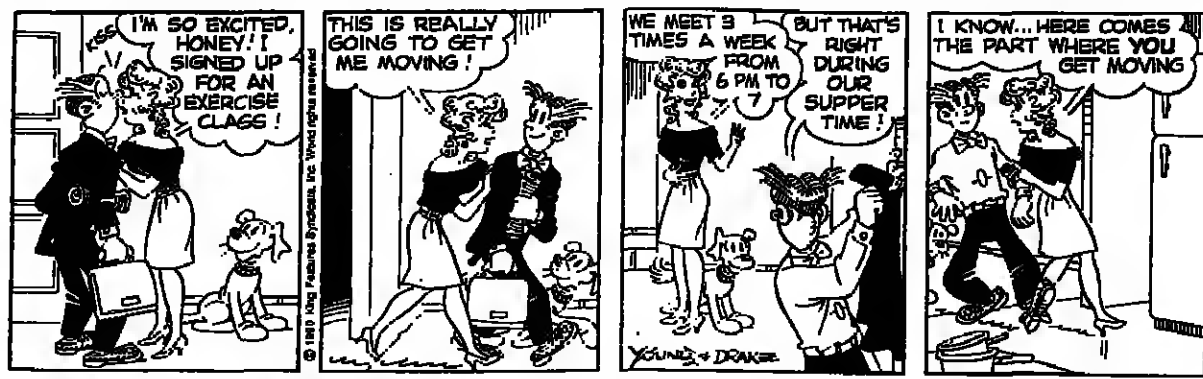
Scrabble Tournament

July 20: Filcheck have announced the all-female scrabble tournament, scheduled to start on Friday, July 20, will now be open to all Filipinos, male and female. Deadline for entries is July 19.

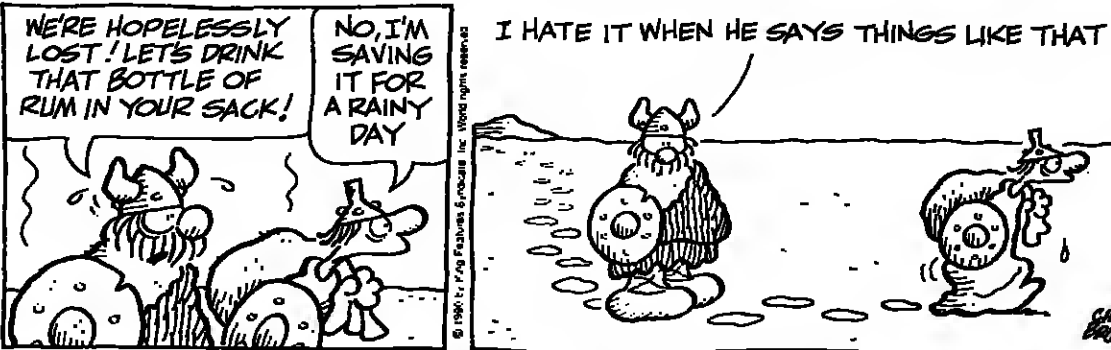
A total of 15 minutes is allocated for each player to finish the game; a player who exceeds the time limit will cease to play and his/her last score will be considered as the last score. Each player is required to use a chess clock to monitor time. The winner or the player with the highest score will earn 3 points; second will be 2 points; third one point and the last zero point. In case of a tie, the player with the highest score wins.

The champion and the two runners-up will each receive a trophy and valuable gift items. Registration forms are available at the Kabayan Restaurant. For details contact Edward/Liza — 2402045

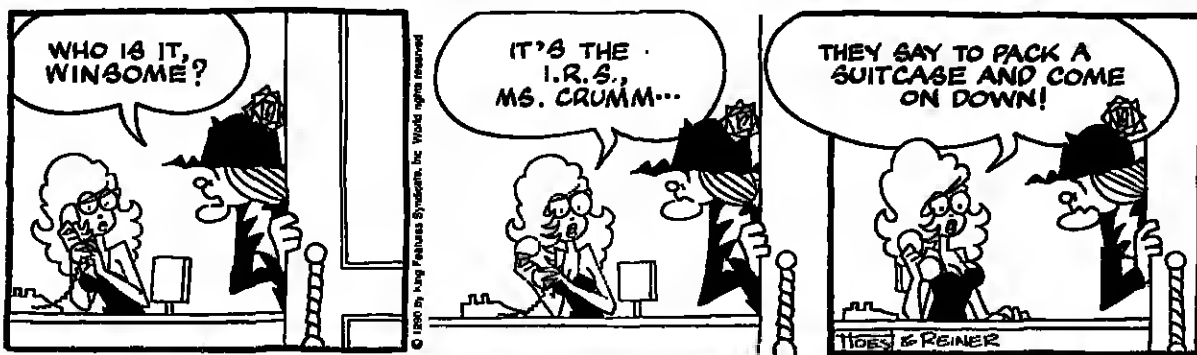
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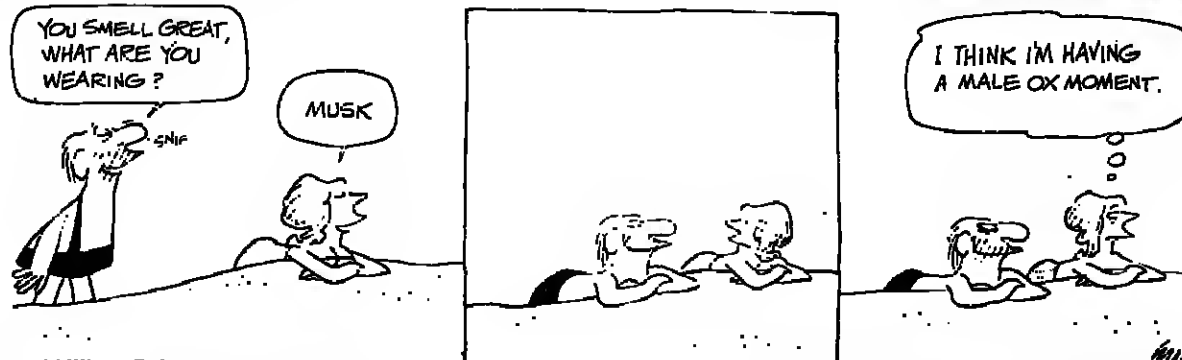
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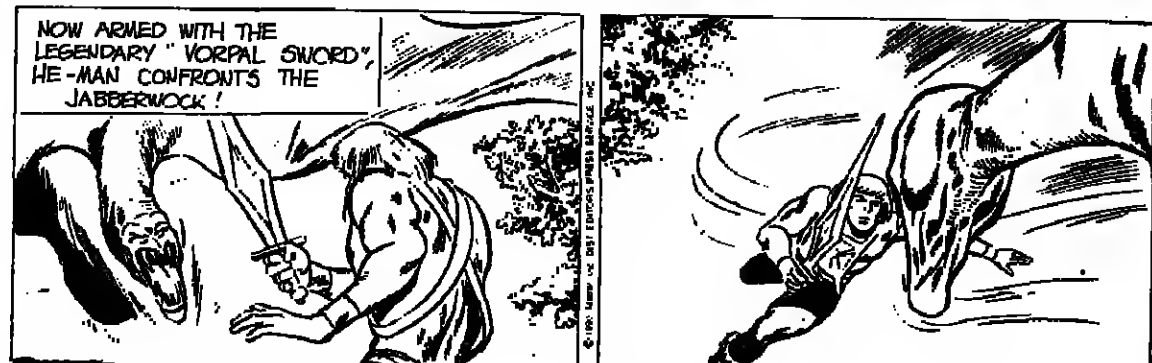
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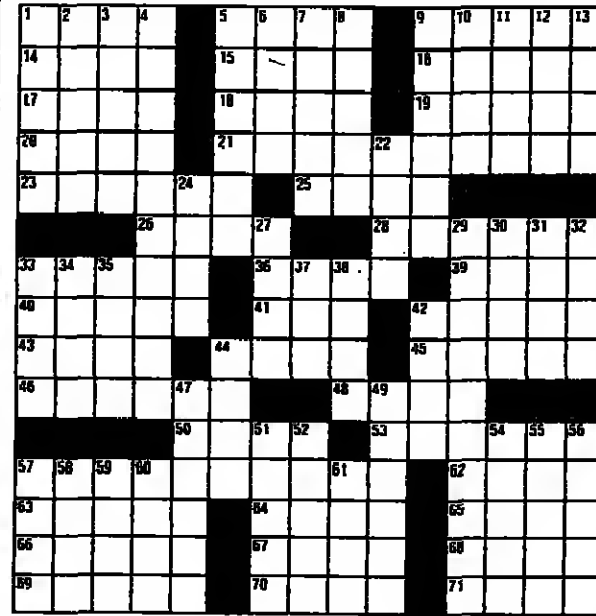
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HE-MAN



TODAY'S CROSSWORD



- ACROSS**
- Ensign
 - Radiate
 - Litany
 - Trademark
 - Tilla for a Madrid lady
 - Martin's "That's"
 - Spoken
 - Article
 - to go!
 - Boric
 - Pit viper
 - chief-to-be
 - Binding
 - Opulent
 - Demand
 - Affect
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 - Stoofing
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 - Precipitation
 - Aaron of baseball
 - In that case
 - Outslip
 - Expunger
 - Hilarity
 - Contends
 - Almshouse
 - Scarecrow's friend
 - Run away
 - Eskimo vessel
 - Hem in
 - Hawkeye Stata
 - Mothar-of-pearl
 - Out of the wind
 - Brother of Ham
 - Rectify
 - Hindmost
 - Painter Frans.
- DOWN**
- Parade vehicle
 - Poet Garcia
 - One more time
 - Fairy-tale girl
 - Proclamations
 - Marquand sleuth
 - Hapless
 - Buccaneers' town
 - Desolate
 - Asian nurse
 - Buttonholer, usually
 - "Aida" highpoint
 - Rip
 - "Geowulf," for one
 - All washed up
 - Silence!
 - Household pest
 - Notion
 - Toboggan
 - Place for a beret
 - Stitch
 - Blacken
 - A Turnar
 - Appaal
 - Chinese dynasty
 - Crystal gazer
 - Yum-Yum and schoolmates
 - Stirred
 - Banker, at times
 - Part of E.A.P.
 - Regard with favor
 - Welcome to Kauai
 - Staircase post
 - Ninas or elevens
 - Dater's mainstay
 - Muslim chieftain
 - Mediterranean resort
 - Admonish
 - Expanse

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

TACO OCHRE AGRA
ALLOU PLIEU PROM
MATTBIONOT LEVI
REPEAT STOOGES
OAT IAMB
ABJURES FORBIDE
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ERAL LIE
REVERES OILPAN
AHAB STEVELEWIS
MENU SATIN RABI
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GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF

EARN YOUR DUE

East-West vulnerable. East deals.

NORTH
♠ 7 6 5
♥ Q 3 2
♦ J 8 2
♣ J 7 6 3

WEST
♠ A Q 2
♥ A K 10 9 5
♦ 6 5 4 3
♣ 2

EAST
♠ 9
♥ J 8 7 6 4
♦ A K Q 10 9
♣ 9 4

SOUTH

♠ K J 10 8 4 3
♥ Void
♦ 7
♣ A K Q 10 8 5

The bidding:
East South West North
Pass 1 ♠ 2 ♣ 5 ♠
4 ♥ 5 ♠ 5 ♠ 5 ♠
Dbl Pass Pass Pass

Opening lead: King of ♠. Getting the tricks that are your due is not always easy, particularly when one of them consists of a ruff in a suit where you have a singleton and partner has only a doubleton. This hand, from the Omar Sharif World Individual Championship played last month at the Showboat Hotel and Casino in Atlantic City, N.J., featured superb defense by West.

North-South used the vulnerable-

ity to good advantage to take a five-spade sacrifice over their opponents' five hearts. At a five-heart contract, East-West would have lost only a club and the queen of trumps. That holds true even if a club is not led, because West cannot get rid of his club loser before North-South regain the lead. To salvage a reasonable score, East-West had to collect at least a two-trick set. Full credit must go to Trudie Bernard of Cincinnati, sitting North, for her decision to sacrifice.

West, George Kroll of New York, led the king of hearts, ruffed by declarer, Tanna Wyatt of Tucson. She now led a crafty ten of spades, but West was not fooled. He rose with the queen and shifted to his singleton club, taken in the closed hand.

Declarer now continued with a low spade and West might have been forgiven had he ducked. But persevering with his original plan, West rose with the ace of trumps and shifted to the three of diamonds. East won and returned a club and West's ruff gave East-West the par result for the hand, plus 300.



"You wouldn't last five minutes where I come from."

YOUR STARS



Aries
March 21 - April 19
Everything is going to take just that much longer, so make sure you do not waste any time. Your lucky numbers are 7 and 23. Do not attempt your own repairs unless you know what you are doing. No relying on guesswork. Be cooperative.



Cancer
June 21 - July 20
You should not allow a friendly talk to degenerate into an argument. You will be able to make a few changes for the better but must act fast. However do not make up your mind on the spur of the moment, consider carefully.



Libra
Sept. 23 - Oct. 22
You will feel rather reluctant to do what has to be done. However you should avoid fatalism, instead employ a little more willpower. If you show more goodwill towards others the results will be worth having made the effort. Be moderate.



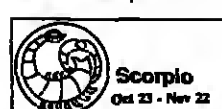
Capricorn
Dec. 21 - Jan. 19
Do not leave your partner in any doubt about your love and affection. If you think things are as you would like them to be you are very much mistaken. You will be pleased with the result of a choice you made recently. Be fair.



Taurus
April 21 - May 20
Make sure you do not leave any doors unlocked or windows open. Work hard, but not to the point where your family life suffers. A trend towards wastefulness should be kept in check. Be resourceful.



Leo
July 21 - Aug. 21
You will be tempted to spend more than you can readily afford and should refrain from so doing. What you have learnt recently will now come into its own. Do not allow your attention to be diverted by secondary matters. Be patient.



Scorpio
Oct. 23 - Nov. 22
You are too liable to judge by appearances and should take corrective action. You are more liable to be overcharged, so check your bills carefully. Do not live too much in the past, but do learn the lesson from a previous failure. Be pertinent.



Aquarius
Jan. 20 - Feb. 19
What you have been used to doing in a particular fashion will no longer be appropriate in the circumstances. Make a change but make sure that you have considered the alternatives carefully. There is room for optimism but none for complacency. Be frank.



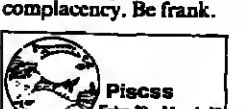
Gemini
May 21 - June 20
You should not try to use force where persuasion has failed. Rely more on reason than on intuition or instinct. What you thought you had already done will turn out still in need doing. Be tactful.



Virgo
Aug. 23 - Sept. 22
You will be able to see more clearly what lies ahead of you. However you must not allow yourself to be persuaded by sales talk to spend more than you had intended. Keep your wits very much about you. Be less extravagant.



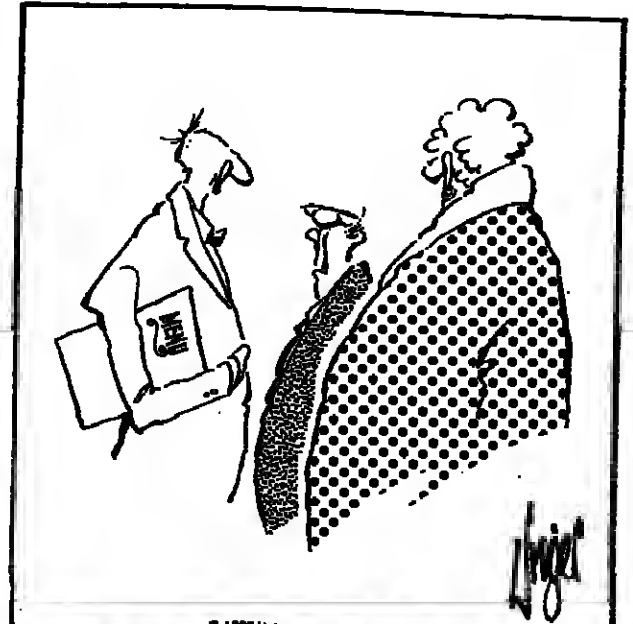
Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
You are liable to lose sight of your objectives and should take corrective action. You are more liable to be overcharged, so check your bills carefully. Do not live too much in the past, but do learn the lesson from a previous failure. Be pertinent.



Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
Avoid eating too many sweet things, but do not allow yourself to become obsessed by calorie contents, just eat moderately. You should beware of giving too much emphasis to things of secondary importance. Be tolerant.



"You've been putting on damp clothing."



"Table for two. Food for five."

Ironies of perestroika's shopping culture

'Mania for rags' and disposable diapers

By Linda Feldmann

MOSCOW, (CSM): It began as a typical Russian night out. Before going down for a long evening of eating and drinking and debating, I reached into my bag, Santa Claus-style, and pulled out gifts for everybody.

A flowered apron and pot-holder for Galina. Sweatshirts for Tolya and son Vasya. My friends, like a second family to me in my student days here 10 years ago, seemed pleased.

Then I insulted them: I presented them with two bars of soap. With the Great Soviet Soap Shortage still raging, nothing could be more welcome, I had thought. But when Galina opened a drawer in their china cabinet, revealing what must have been a two-year supply, I knew I had thought wrong.

"See? We have plenty," Galina declared, her pride wounded. "Vasya has good connections." More than ever, life in Moscow for locals and foreigners

alike is all about things — finding, buying, trading, selling. It's the No. 1 topic of conversation in every stratum of society. In Russian, the pursuit of attractive clothing even has its own word — *shmotkomania*, literally "mania for rags."

Ironically, for this self-confessed "shopaholic," Moscow is a relief from America's relentless shopping-mall culture. But for a country where only 50 of the 1,000 basic consumer items are freely available, there's no debate over the pursuit of material goods. Everyone does it.

With Moscow store shelves growing ever lighter, Soviets are taking to new heights their famous ability to get things through unofficial channels. Sometimes they try to use as one of those channels their good friend, the foreign correspondent, who has access to hard-currency stores and is by definition rich.

But heaven help you if, as you

select the obligatory gift when you go visiting, you choose definitely (deficit) items that your friends have so skillfully acquired on their own.

Since that evening with Galina and her family, I discovered a Soviet opinion poll that surprised me: a majority of the respondents to the poll, released in December '89, described their nation's economic situation as critical.

But 68 per cent felt their personal economic situation has remained stable over the past two to three years. And of them, 23 per cent thought their situation has actually improved.

Still, there are some enduringly popular gifts for Soviet friends, such as coffee (even instant is a big hit), nylon stockings, and cosmetics.

If your hosts are new parents, the answer is easy: They need everything. Baby clothes, especially 100 per cent cotton ones, are impossible to buy in stores. Doctor Spock's baby

book is still in demand in certain circles, also.

But if you really want to treat your friends to a foreign extravagance, the answer is ... disposable diapers, known affectionately as *odnorazovye podguzniki*, or "one-time underbums." When my newest little friend, Masha, arrived last Nov. 28, I headed straight for Stockmann's, a credit-card-only Finnish grocery store, and bought two packages of the newborn size.

Masha's parents were delighted. And it soon became evident that each diaper would be lovingly rationed. After all, father Misha figured, each box of 44 costs \$23. Calculated on the new tourist exchange rate of roughly six roubles to the dollar, that's the equivalent of 138 roubles. But with the black market rate at about 13 roubles per dollar, that's 300 roubles — more than an average month's salary.

After Masha's feeding, her mother, Olya, held her naked

over a plastic tub so that, to put it delicately, the first diaper would not be ready for the wastebasket quite so quickly. But Masha didn't oblige, and when she began to shiver, Olya gave up and sacrificed the first of the diapers. Those 88 diapers lasted three months, used only for certain occasions, like going visiting.

Of course, among Moscow's elite, disposables aren't a luxury — they're a necessity. But when you're a famous newspaper columnist, for example, you simply can't be seen walking out of a hard-currency shop with one of those big pink boxes. "Would you be so kind, Miss Feldmann ...?" comes the inevitable request.

For another layer of society, styrofoam McDonald's boxes have become de rigueur. At the local farmers' market, seedlings are sold in them. And for Moscow's multitude of visitors from other cities, a visit to the Golden Arches on Gorky street is essen-

tial — which makes the line there, now down to 1-1/2 hours, an easy spot for journalists to sample a cross-section of national opinion on the issue of the day.

It seems, also, that McDonald's has become a required item to bring to the folks back home. A few months ago, a colleague noticed an Uzbek peasant carrying a large shopping bag laden with Big Macs as she got off the plane in Tashkent, a four-hour flight from Moscow.

Aside from its natural attraction as an island of American culture in the heart of Moscow, McDonald's is unique in another way: It is the only place here where you can buy something for roubles and be guaranteed polite service.

Soviet friends who have made the pilgrimage have been most impressed not by the food, but by the efficiency and some rarely heard expressions — "please" and "thank you," accompanied by a smile.



Granny sews her way into the record books

By Faith Mail

IT'S just under 98 feet long, made from 24 yards of satin, decorated with 2,300 sequins and edged with 60 yards of lace ... and has gained grand mother Margaret Riley a place in the Guinness Book of Records.

The cream-coloured length of cloth is the longest wedding train in the world, beating the previous record by 12 feet. The wedding dress and the record-breaking train, which were worn by Leicestershire bride Diane Reid took Margaret only six weeks to make.

"I worked day and night on the train to get it made in time for the big day," the 63-year-old retired council worker told me.

Making the train was a labour of love for Margaret. For the past 45 years, she has been sewing clothes in her spare time but she never thought her hobby would gain her fame.

"When Diane gave me the order for the train, I thought it was a strange request but didn't question it," she said. "I had no idea I was making a record-breaking garment."

"I also didn't know how long it was because I wasn't measuring it," she said. When I was making it, I never laid it out full-length, whatever piece I was working on would be rolled out and the rest would be in a heap on the floor."

No room in her small two-bedroom semi-detached house was large enough to unravel the train in its entirety. "It would have stretched around my house twice," she told me.

But this wasn't a problem until she began to sew the lace border on. "The lace kept getting tangled up and the stitching was uneven, so in the end I got my husband Barry to hold a few yards of the cloth at a time while I sewed the lace on."

The most difficult part of the train was the sequined lettering at the back. Each sequin was sewn on by hand, a painstakingly slow process. "The sequins are so small and therefore awkward to sew on," said Margaret. "This section of the dress took me the longest."

When she had finished, the nine-inch letters read D and S (the couple's initials), May 1990, Leicester.

Margaret is proud of her handiwork and, although it's a hobby, her dressmaking talents are widely known in her native Leicester. She has made hundreds of wedding and bridesmaids' dresses for friends and relatives over the years, including those of her eight daughters.

"It's lucky that I can sew, otherwise I would have had to spend a fortune on wedding clothes," said the sprightly veteran. "I have 24 grandchildren and no doubt I'll be sewing all their wedding dresses. I can't wait!"

Margaret admits she would rather sew a dress than cook dinner. "My husband Barry does all the cooking at



Bride Diane Reid wearing Margaret's award winning train.

(Inset) Margaret Riley.

With a 98ft wedding dress

the weekend and leaves me to my sewing. I've never liked cooking but sewing is my great passion."

She is certainly busy with commissions. "People hear about me through friends and ask me to make clothes for them. I've made everything from baby clothes to men's suits."

"My first customer was my cousin. I was only 18 and she asked me to make her wedding dress. It was just after the World War Two and material was scarce, but I managed to get hold of some satin material and made her a pretty dress. She loved the outfit and afterwards some of her friends asked me to make their wedding dresses."

Margaret, who left Leicester and

moved to Yorkshire when she married her first husband, continued to sew and her reputation as a seamstress grew. She told me: "My husband was in the army and other army wives were always asking to make children's clothes and dresses. I didn't have a proper sewing machine, though, until someone gave me an old-fashioned pedal model."

When she divorced her husband and came back to live in Leicester, she thought of starting her own business but didn't have enough money to fund the venture.

"The children were young and I had to support them, so couldn't afford to put my savings into a business that might not succeed. If I had, who knows

I could have become another Laura Ashley."

She hasn't received any formal training and makes her dresses from patterns cut out of old newspaper. Her favourites are her wedding-dress creations made from yards of silk, satin and lace. "You feel as if you're being decadent making this lovely luxury garment," she said.

"What makes it extra special is the look of delight on the bride's face when she wears my gown on the most important day in her life. I feel so proud when I see a girl walk up the aisle in one of my creations."

Margaret would love to make a

Royal bride's dress and confesses she isn't greatly impressed with the work of the Emmanuels, who made Princess Diana's fairytale wedding dress.

"It was lovely but I think they could have made it more ornate. If I had been commissioned to make the dress, I would have used more silk and lace and made something really special."

She believes everybody has some sort of talent and hers just happens to be sewing. "I'm just lucky that I get so much enjoyment out of my gift."

And that special talent has put her in the Guinness Book of Records. Not bad for a hobby!

Novelist Anthony Burgess

In tune with his literary destiny

MONTE CARLO, (Reuter): British novelist Anthony Burgess is still writing prolifically at the age of 73, spurred on by a sense of urgency in the face of approaching old age.

But though officially a resident of Monaco, he finds it more and more difficult to write here.

"I need to be in a place where there is nothing to do but write. My time is short," he told Reuters in an interview.

"Here I often get visits from people I don't really want — young students with knapsacks on their backs, saying some professor assured I'd give them a bed. It's not true."

This means spending more time at his other home in the Ticino region of Switzerland.

Burgess's tall, thin figure stands out in a crowd. A lock of long white hair falls obstinately across his forehead. Squinting constantly against the smoke from the cigarette in his hand, he talks readily about his life as novelist, composer, journalist and teacher. His remarks, like his writing, are nearly always protective.

The author of "A Clockwork Orange," which 30 years ago depicted a group of youths who raised organised violence to a cult level, Burgess is tired of always being identified with the controversial novel, later made into a film by Stanley Kubrick.

"It rankles me damnably," he said. "I'm sick to death of it."

A firm advocate of a united Europe, Burgess believes Latin should be its common language.

"I would like to see a resuscitation of a simpler form of Latin, an element of which is present in some of the major European languages."

"I've been a European for years," he added. "I was reviled by the British press when I left England in 1968, and accused of being a rat leaving the sinking ship."

"It was not doing that — I was getting into Europe, as I felt my literary destiny was more European than British."

Burgess moved 15 years ago from Italy to Monaco, renowned for its security, after receiving threats that his son would be kid-

napped. "I automatically steered my way to a Roman Catholic principality. I approve of monarchy because it's one less element to be involved in the dirty work of politics. In any case it was time to leave there, because of the Roman Catholic church."

"Most intelligent Italians lean towards a special form of communism devised to counter the church, whose influence through political parties like the Christian Democrats is malign and dangerous. It puts down women."

In spite of his rejection of the church as an institution, Burgess, who is of Irish origin, remains a Roman Catholic at heart. "It is the original form of Christianity. All others are break-aways."

"I believe the adversary now is Islam. The two balancing forces in the world used to be communism and democracy. In future they will be Islam and Christianity."

The author of 30 novels, including the epic "Earthly Powers," and works such as the television play "Jesus of Nazareth," still finds writing difficult.

"So I need to write every day. It's like physical exercise," he explained. "If you get out of the habit, you forget how to do it. But when it becomes easy, you're in danger, because you start writing in clichés."

He is at present half-way through writing a book on the teaching of English as a language, a subject which preoccupies him.

"It is really pedagogic, to tell governments and ministries how to teach English ... my book is about linguistics for the ordinary person, not for scholars."

The sequel to his autobiography "Little Wilson and Big God" is due to be published later this year.

Burgess wrote music before writing novels. His works include symphonies and chamber music. He said he was still trying to write an opera about Sigmund Freud, but was having trouble with the libretto.

As a journalist he has written articles on anything from football hooliganism to television.

FAMILY DOCTOR

By DR ALLAN BRUCKHEIM

QUESTION: I've read all the books, listened to all my friends and cut back on my daily food intake. But I still can't lose a pound, and I haven't a clue as to why. I am even exercising as if I were a teenager, but still have my middle-age figure. Is there anything you can tell me? There must be thousands of your readers with the same problem. Please help us all.

ANSWER: There are many letters each week that speak of the same frustration. Having been on a diet or two myself over the years, I know how aggravating this maddening ritual of stepping on an unco-operative scale can be.

Although there is no escape from the need to reduce calories and increase activity to lose those extra pounds, the choice of the foods included in the diet play an important role because of the different manner in which our bodies handle fats and carbohydrates.

The statement by many people that the food goes directly from the mouth to the hips is not entirely wrong. The body converts the fat in food into body fat with great ease, particularly when the meal also includes carbohydrates or sugars that provide the energy. When sugar enters the bloodstream it stimulates the release of insulin, which then activates the enzymes which help the passage of fat from the bloodstream into the fat cells. Even calorie-burning exercise can't prevent the fat from being stored in this way, and since it is in the cells, it's very difficult to shed. But carbohydrates are stored first as glycogen, much of it in the liver.

Although the capacity of glycogen storage is limited, the body can expand its capacity in individuals who exercise. When the maximum is reached, then the body may increase your metabolic rate and burn off additional

Reduce fat consumption to reduce weight

carbohydrates. It is only when these two mechanisms are overburdened by the quantities of carbohydrates coming into the system, that conversion to fat takes place. So the answer may be to reduce your fat intake to a minimum, and utilise carbohydrates to provide the calories you need for energy and work.

In practical terms, you may eat the potato, without the butter, and the pasta without the Alfredo sauce! Add a modest portion of protein, maintain a comfortable exercise programme, sit in a bit more patience, and you have the formula for beating the battle of the scale.

Across my desk: The May issue of Medical Times contains excerpts from the book "M.D.: Doctors Talk About Themselves" by award-winning medical journalist John Peckham (Delacorte Press). More than 70 interviews were conducted with a wide variety of physicians from all types of practices and ranging from new practitioners to those who have served their communities for many years. Because the physicians remain anonymous, they could open their hearts and minds and speak of their frustrations, fears, failures, pressures and successes.

One interview reveals the thinking of a physician that must surely reflect the thoughts of many practitioners. Citing the government as the culprit in making doctors look unattractive to patients in an attempt to reduce services and costs, this physician refers to a Canadian study that analysed the true factors that influence medical costs. They include genetics (or a person's inherited susceptibility to illness), human behaviour (such as smoking, environment, and finally a distant fourth, medical care itself. That means that education, which changes unhealthy habits, can do more to reduce costs than all "those damned regulations."

Dreyfuss drama: Richard Dreyfuss will star in and produce *The Proud and the Free*, a movie version of Howard Fast's 1949 historical novel about the American revolution.

The story deals with a mutiny in the citizens army of the Pennsylvania line in the waning months of the revolution. Dreyfuss will play the leader of the insurrection.

Novelist Fast is scheduled to adapt *The Proud and the Free* for the screen.

Michael Jackson honoured: Singing sensation Michael Jackson will be honoured by the Boy Scouts of America on Sept 14 at a banquet during which he will receive the first "Michael Jackson Good Scout Humanitarian Award."

The dinner will be chaired by Walt Disney Co. Chief Michael Eisner.

The award was created and named for Jackson in recognition of his humanitarian efforts and will be made nationally available for all Boy Scout councils in the United States. Future honourees will be selected by the Boy Scouts in conjunction with MJJ Productions.

'Lucy' search: The CBS television network has announced plans to conduct the great Lucy and Desi search, a nationwide

effort to find known or unknown actors to play the roles of Lucille Ball and Desi Arnaz for a TV movie.

The TV network, working with producer Larry Thompson, will hold open casting calls in Los Angeles on July 16 and 18 and in New York July 20 to play the title roles in *Lucy and Desi Before the Laughter*.

It is scheduled to begin production late this summer.

Hopefuls will be asked to perform a Lucy or Desi routine from "I Love Lucy" lasting no longer than a minute.

'Scorchers' wraps: *Scorchers*, starring Faye Dunaway, Denholm Elliott, James Earl Jones and Emily Lloyd, has completed principal production on locations in Louisiana.

Producers Morrie Eisenman and Richard Hellman announced that the drama, set in the steamy southern Bayou country, wrapped production on time and budget under the aegis of writer-director David Beard.

The story deals with two young women who must face their loss of innocence during one night in the small town of Bayou La Pêche.

Fawcett-O'Neal sitcom: Farrah Fawcett and long-time live-in boyfriend

Ryan O'Neal have signed with CBS to co-star in a new half-hour TV situation comedy series exploiting their own private lives in the coming season.

The untitled show was created by Emmy-winner Alan Zweibel especially for Fawcett and O'Neal for producers Bernie Brillstein and Brad Grey.

The producers said in a joint statement: "The humour, love, passion and battles of this real-life couple will be part of their relationship on the show in a unique and hopefully entertaining way for the audience."

Back to the Blue Lagoon: Model Brooke Shields starred in *The Blue Lagoon*, but Milla Jovovich, the 14-year-old internationally known Russian-born model, will star in the sequel, *Return to the Blue Lagoon*.

Currently filming in Fiji, the sequel begins where the original film, produced a decade ago, left off, with the rescue of the young lovers' orphaned son.

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King asked for justice and fair play after title fight

NEW YORK, July 10, (AP): Don King spoke from the recent controversial past, calling for a tape in a booming voice for fair play in the James "Buster" Douglas-Mike Tyson heavyweight title fight.

"All I'm looking for is justice and fair play — for one side or another," King said in an audio tape played yesterday during his breach-of-contract suit

against Douglas.

King also was heard to say on the tape at one point, "there's a grave injustice here. It's an injustice if it holds that Mike Tyson was knocked out."

At another point on the tape, King said, "If the rules are kept, the first knockout automatically obliterates the second knockout. There never would have been a second knockout."

He also said, "here's the facts — Mike Tyson knocked out James 'Buster' Douglas."

King was scheduled to testify today. Douglas and manager Johnson have sued King for breach of contract in federal court in Nevada, contending he tried to get the result of Douglas' 10th-round knockout of Tyson overturned.

King contends he was only trying to

get an immediate rematch between Douglas and Tyson.

The Douglas-Johnson suit in Nevada has been stayed, pending the outcome of this trial. King is suing Douglas and Johnson for breaching his promotional contract by signing a contract with the Mirage Hotel-Casino at Las Vegas for a fight against Evander Holyfield.

Jose Sulaiman, president of the World Boxing Council, who was called as a witness for King, said the audio tape played yesterday was made during a meeting involving the press, King and some boxing officials in a narrow corridor.

Actually, it was at a news conference called about an hour after the Feb 11 fight at Tokyo.

Lundgren surprises No. 2 seed

NEWPORT, Rhode Island, July 10, (Agencies): Unseeded Peter Lundgren upset No. 2 seed

Cristo van Rensburg 6-1 6-4 yesterday in the opening round of the \$150,000 tennis Hall of Fame Championships.

Lundgren, who reached the finals last year at the Newport Casino — the lone American grass-court stop on the men's tour — won for just the third time in 11 matches this year.

"I said to myself before coming here that I wasn't going to put pressure on myself, to just have fun," said Lundgren, of Sweden, who is ranked 49th in the world. "On close balls and big points I've been unlucky this year, so winning today is good for my confidence."

Van Rensburg, a native of South Africa ranked 138th, had seven double-faults in the second set. The only break in that set came when Van Rensburg closed out the third game with three consecutive double-faults.

"I wasn't sharp," said Van Rensburg, who now lives in the United States. "I had two break points in the first game of the match and missed two returns. He played better than I did."

No. 4 Garry Muller struggled past Jimmy Brown, 6-3, 3-6, 7-6 (7-3).

Muller, a native of South Africa ranked 63rd, won the final four points of the tiebreaker, but wasn't satisfied with his play.

"I choked out there right from the beginning," said Muller. "I felt uncomfortable and I struggled. I felt I couldn't hit the ball on the court."

The Swedish Open tennis championships started in Bastad yesterday without top attraction Goran Ivanovic of Yugoslavia, who withdrew citing a foot injury he sustained last week at Wimbledon.

Organisers were clearly disappointed with Ivanovic's decision, which followed the earlier withdrawal of American Jimmy Connors and Swede Anders Jarryd.

"I am trying to see that he comes and makes an appearance here at least," competition organiser Thomas Karlberg told the Swedish news agency TT. "It should not be as easy as that to drop out of a commitment. Players must behave responsibly."

Ivanovic said last week he had hurt a foot at Wimbledon before his semifinal match against Boris Becker which the West German needed four sets to win.

Top seed Guillermo Perez-Roldan of Argentina and a number two seed Mats Wilander of Sweden were to play first round matches today.

Wilander, making his first appearance since crashing out in the first round of the Indian Wells tournament five months ago, has said the way he plays at Bastad will decide whether he tries to make a serious comeback or not.

"It is hard to get going again. My speed and self-confidence are pretty low just now," Wilander said.

Yugoslavia's Monica Seles, playing her first match at home after her swift climb in world rankings, beat Wimbledon women's finalist Zina Garrison 4-6, 6-3, 6-3 in an exhibition tennis match yesterday.

Garrison, who last week beat Seles in three sets in a Wimbledon quarterfinal, lost on Sunday in her first Grand Slam final to Martina Navratilova.

England defeat New Zealand

Malcolm shatters Hadlee's dream



Malcolm: five for 46

BIRMINGHAM, England, July 10, (Agencies): Fast bowler Devon Malcolm wrecked New Zealand's hopes and Richard Hadlee's dream today as England won their first cricket series at home for five years.

The West Indian-born paceman grabbed five for 46 as New Zealand were tumbled out for 230 in their second innings to give England victory by 114 runs in the third and deciding Test.

Among his victims was Hadlee, Test record wicket-taker but also no mean performer with the bat.

Overnight, with New Zealand on 101 for two and still hoping to reach the target of 345, Hadlee had spoken of his dream of hitting the winning run.

Malcolm ended that when Hadlee crashed back in an attempt to thrash him through the offside and was bowled.

It ended not just an innings but an era.

The greatest cricketer New Zealand have produced was given a standing ovation by the crowd and the players as he made his last walk back to the pavilion and into retirement.

Malcolm took the final wicket off Danny Morrison with 3-1/2 hours of playing time remaining on the final day of the five-day match. It gave England's battered cricketers their first victory on home soil since beating Australia in 1985 — a run of 25 Tests.

It also handed Graham Gooch his third victory in seven Tests as England's captain.

Malcolm took one wicket yesterday just before the close of play and added four more wickets today.

For the match he was eight for 105 in 49.4 overs and his total take for the series was 15 wickets.

Malcolm struck the two most vital blows, first skidding one through Martin Crowe's defenses to have New Zealand's key batsman lbw for 25 and then ending Hadlee's farewell Test innings.

Yesterday Hadlee sent down his final ball in international cricket yesterday, and as befits

the world's finest bowler he took a wicket with it to complete his destruction of England's second innings.

In a devastating burst of accurate bowling so typical of Hadlee's record-breaking career, cricket's newest knight took five wickets in an eight-over spell which cost just 17 runs.

England, chasing quick runs in anticipation of an early declaration, lost their last seven wickets for 29 runs in 14 overs and were whipped out in their second innings for 158 — an overall lead

of 344.

Hadlee's final ball trapped England's number 11 Devon Malcolm lbw — and the spectators were treated to one final glimpse of that distinctive, crumpling appeal with both index fingers raised.

His other wickets yesterday were Robin Smith, Jack Russell, Chris Lewis and former Nottinghamshire colleague Eddie Hemmings.

Scoreboard

ENGLAND first innings 435 (G Gooch 154, M Atherton 82)	
NEW ZEALAND first innings 249 (T. Franklin 66)	
ENGLAND second innings 30	
G. Gooch b Snedden 30	
M. Atherton c Rutherford b Bracewell 70	
A. Stewart lbw b Bracewell 15	
A. Lamb c Parore b Bracewell 4	
R. Smith c and b Hadlee 14	
N. Fairbrother lbw b Bracewell 3	
J. Russell c and b Hadlee 0	
C. Lewis c Parore b Hadlee 1	
G. Small not out 11	
E. Hemmings b Hadlee 0	
D. Malcolm lbw b Hadlee 0	
Extras (lb-6 nb-4) 10	
Total 158	
Fall of wickets 1-50-2-87-3-99-4-129-5-136-6-141-7-146-8-157-9-158	
Bowling: Hadlee 21-3-53-5, Morrison 3-1-29-0, Snedden 9-0-32-1, Bracewell 16-5-38-4	
NEW ZEALAND second innings (overnight 101 for two)	
T. Franklin lbw b Malcolm 5	
J. Wright c Smith b Lewis 46	
A. Jones c Gooch b Small 40	
M. Crowe lbw b Malcolm 25	
M. Greatbatch c Atherton b Hemmings 22	
K. Rutherford c Lamb b Lewis 18	
R. Hadlee b Malcolm 13	
A. Parore c Lamb b Lewis 20	



Hadlee took a wicket with his final ball

Records

Records of the nine bowlers who have taken more than 300 Test wickets (tabulate under Tests played, wickets, average, five-wicket innings, 10-wicket matches):				
Richard Hadlee (New Zealand)	86	431	22.29	36 9
Ian Botham (England)	97	376	28.27	27 4
Kapil Dev (India)	106	364	29.54	21 2
Imran Khan (Pakistan)	82	358	22.87	23 6
Dennis Lillee (Australia)	70	355	23.92	23 7
Malcolm Marshall (West Indies)	68	329	20.76	22 4
Bob Willis (England)	90	325	25.20	16 0
Lance Gibbs (West Indies)	79	309	29.09	18 2
Fred Trueman (England)	67	307	21.57	17 3

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LONDON, July 10, (Reuters): Derbyshire's South African all-rounder Adrian Kuiper captured four for 41 in 11 overs as Lancashire scraped to 129 for five in their second innings on the second day of their three-day championship match at Liverpool yesterday.

The seamer, playing his first season in English county cricket, had already taken three for 42 in Lancashire's first innings 301 for eight declared yesterday.

Kuiper was well supported by his captain Kim Barnett, who became only the fourth player in the country's history to hit a century in three successive first class matches.

Barnett was out for 109 and then declared Derbyshire's first innings at 250 for two, 51 runs behind. Fellow opener Peter Bowler hit an unbeaten 115.

Master batsman Graeme Hick returned his career-best bowling figures of five for 37 in 16.3 overs as Gloucestershire lost their last five wickets for 12 runs and were dismissed for 220 in their first innings — a deficit of 99 — by Worcestershire.

Fellow spinner Richard Illingworth took three for 75 in 32 overs and only Gloucestershire opener Dean Hodgson offered prolonged resistance.

Hodgson, who survived a sharp slip chance to Hick on 13, went on to make a championship best 77 with 11 fours in three hours. Worcestershire were 11 for no wicket before bad light ended play.

■ Lancashire's three-day English county championship cricket match against Glamorgan was abandoned as a draw yesterday.

Scores: Glamorgan 312 for nine declared in 105 overs and 277 for four declared (P. Cottee 125, V. Richards 66 not out, M. Maynard 47). Leicestershire 301 for five declared in 92.5 overs and 152 for two (T. Boon 75 not out, J. Whitaker 45) when rain stopped play. Leicestershire and Glamorgan six points each.

Close of play scores on the second day of three-day English county championship cricket

At Liverpool: Lancashire 301 for eight declared in 93 overs (A. Kuiper three for 42) and 129 for five. Derbyshire 250 for two declared in 77.2 overs (K. Barnett 109, P. Bowler 115 not out). At Northampton: Yorkshire 318 in 103.2 overs and 63 for no wicket. Northamptonshire 307 for eight declared in 100.2 overs (R. Williams 69, N. Felton 66, D. Capel 64).

At Worcester: Worcestershire 319 for nine declared in 133 overs and 11 for no wicket. Gloucestershire 220 in 81.3 overs (G. Hodgson 77, G. Hick five for 37). At Trent Bridge: Sussex 322 for nine declared in 86.4 overs (J. Hall 125, A. Dodemaide 72, R. Pick three for 49) and 36 for no wicket. Nottinghamshire 185 in 60 overs (P. Johnson 68).

At the Oval: Surrey 303 for six declared in 100 overs and 191 for seven (M. Lynch 46). Warwickshire 177 in 59.1 overs. (Waqar Younis seven for 73).

Tendulkar leads India to victory

CANTERBURY, England, July 10, (Reuters): India's 17-year-old batting prodigy Sachin Tendulkar hammered a superb 70 to set up a seven-wicket victory over Kent at Canterbury yesterday.

Tendulkar, who scored 92 in the first innings, again had to open in the absence of Ravi Shastri and Manoj Prabhakar, both still ill, with wicketkeeper Kiran More.

More made 27 in a first wicket stand of 66 and then after Tendulkar was out at 130 India's more experienced players took command.

Dilip Vengsarkar made an unbeaten 83 off 105 balls in 104 minutes, including 13 fours, while Kapil Dev hit 59 off 72 balls in 81 minutes with seven fours.

Scoreboard

KENT first innings 350 for three declared (N. Taylor 107, M. Benson 90, S. Hinks 62)

INDIA first innings 234 for five declared (S. Tendulkar 92, D. Vengsarkar 80 not out)

KENT second innings S. Marsh c Sharma b Raju 44

M. Fleming c Hirwani b Wasan 21

R. Ellison not out 29

C. Cowdrey c Tendulkar b Hirwani 12

D. Merrick b Hirwani 6

G. Cowdrey not out 27

Extras (b-4 lb-5) 9

Total (for four wickets) 148

Fall of wickets: 1-44-2-82-3-96-4-104

Bowling: Kapil Dev 8-3-20-0, Sharma 3-0-11-0, Raju 17-3-5-41-1, Hirwani 16-4-48-2, Wasson 3-0-19-1

INDIA second innings K. More c Penn b Fleming 27

S. Tendulkar st Marsh b Davis 70

S. Manjrekar c Marsh b Fleming 9

D. Vengsarkar not out 83

Kapil Dev not out 59

Extras (b-8 lb-9 nb-2) 26

Total (for three wickets) 189

Fall of wickets: 1-66-2-96-3-130

Bowling: Marrick 4-1-1-17-0, Pann 12-0-61-0, Davis 17-5-0-50-1, Ellison 8-1-23-0, Fleming 11-5-26-2, C. Cowdrey 4-0-19-0, G. Cowdrey 2-0-12-0

Result: India won by seven wickets



Tendulkar hit 70 in 2nd innings

Leao tipped to replace Lazaroni

RIO DE JANEIRO, July 10, (Reuters): Emerson Leao, coach of Sao Paulo soccer club

Portuguese, is the most likely replacement for Sebastiao Lazaroni to take over Brazil's national squad, the Jornal dos Sports newspaper reported yesterday.

The newspaper quoted Roberto Vieira, spokesman for the Brazilian Football Confederation (CBF), as saying Leao was most likely to be named as the new coach.

The CBF will announce its decision on July 28, the paper said.

"It's true that there has not been a definite decision about Lazaroni's successor. But I would bet on Leao because he is the most cited among the CBF directors," said Vieira, who has been with the CBF for 18 years.

The Brazilian press had previously tipped former World Cup star Paulo Roberto Falcão and Carlos Alberto Pereira as the favourites to succeed Lazaroni who has been widely criticised for Brazil's poor showing in the World Cup.

Brazil was knocked out of the World Cup in a surprising second-round defeat to Argentina in what was their worst showing in the competition since 1966.

■ Dutch international soccer star Willem Kieft has signed a four-year contract to play at Bordeaux in the French League, club officials disclosed yesterday.

Kieft, who played for Holland in the World Cup in Italy, began training with his new team Monday.

Security tight for Goodwill Games

SEATTLE, July 10, (AP): Tow trucks and bomb-sniffing dogs will be two of the more obvious signs as authorities tighten security at Seattle-Tacoma international airport in preparation for the Goodwill Games.

Any vehicle left unattended outside the passenger terminal will be swiftly towed, port of Seattle police Capt John Holman said yesterday. In addition, any bag or briefcase found unattended inside the terminal will be carted off.

There will be absolutely no tolerance in the drive-through area during the Goodwill Games, Holman said. "If someone even parks a car and walks away for any amount of time, a dog will be

there to sniff it and a tow truck will tow it."

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Elliot triumphs

LAPPEENRANTA, Finland, July 10, (Reuters): Britain's Peter Elliot won the 800 metres in the Karelia Games here yesterday in his first race over the distance in six weeks.

Elliot, the fastest man over 800 metres in the world so far this year, clocked one minute 46.45 seconds, well behind his season's best of 1:42.97.

After the race his coach Kim McDonald said: "He was very satisfied considering it was his first 800 metres for six weeks. The conditions were very bad. It was very windy and raining."

Wilfried Kirochi of Kenya was second in 1:47.24 and Finland's Esko Pajula third in 1:48.00.

Nebald wins again

LYON, France, July 10, (Reuters): Gyorgy Nebald of Hungary won his second World Championship individual sabre title yesterday after a two-set victory over Soviet fencer Gueorgy Pogossow.

It was the 34-year-old's second individual world championship gold since Barcelona in 1985 and brought Hungary back into the forefront of the fencing scene after their eclipse at last year's world championships in Denver, Colorado.

Nebald was at the height of his career when Hungary boycotted the 1984 Los Angeles Olympics.

AL's Welch faces NL's Armstrong



AL's Julio Franco (left) and Kirby Puckett wait their turn at batting practice. (Reuters wirephoto)

CHICAGO, July 10, (AP): Bob Welch of the Oakland Athletics was to start for the American League against Jack Armstrong of the Cincinnati Reds in this evening's US Major League baseball All-Star game.

National League manager Roger Craig of San Francisco and AL manager Tony Larussa of Oakland announced their lineups yesterday at a news conference in Chicago before the All-Star workouts.

Rickey Henderson of the A's will bat first for the AL and play left field, and Boston third baseman Wade Boggs will bat second.

Oakland's Jose Canseco — who missed the news conference — will bat third and play right field, followed by Baltimore

shortstop Cal Ripken.

Seattle centre fielder Ken Griffey Jr will bat fifth, and Oakland third baseman Mark McGwire will bat sixth.

Sandy Alomar Jr. of the Cleveland Indians catcher, will hit seventh, followed by New York Yankees second baseman Steve Sax and Welch.

Len Dykstra of the Philadelphia Phillies will lead off for the NL and play centre field.

Chicago second baseman Ryne Sandberg will bat second, followed by San Francisco first baseman Will Clark and Giants left fielder Kevin Mitchell.

Andre Dawson of the Cubs will bat fifth and play right field, and Cincinnati third baseman Chris Sabo will hit sixth.

Johnson ban harsh: IAAF chief

ROME, July 10, (Reuters): The two-year ban on sprinter Ben Johnson for drug abuse, which ends in September, was described as harsh yesterday by International Amateur Athletics Federation president Primo Nebiolo.

"We were very hard on Johnson," said Nebiolo, who has previously said he hopes to see the Jamaican-born Canadian competing at the top level again.

"An athlete can only perform at the top for six to seven years, so the present ban is equivalent to someone being given a 20-year prison sentence for robbery," Nebiolo said at a news conference.

Johnson, 27, was banned after testing positive for drugs at the 1988 Seoul Olympics following his 100 metres victory, and was later stripped by the IAAF of his world 100 metres record and the 1987 world championships 100 metres gold medal.

An 11-month Canadian government inquiry into drug abuse in amateur sport said last month Canadian sports federations and the Olympic organisation should decide whether Johnson runs for Canada again.

The Canadian Olympic Association has said a two-year ban for a first offence is adequate.

Nebiolo went on to criticise other sports which had failed to introduce controls for performance-enhancing drugs.

"We are perplexed that major tennis tournaments do not carry out controls," he said.



Ben Johnson

Cup referees must be professional: Fifa

ROME, July 10, (Reuters): Fifa general secretary Sepp Blatter has sharply criticised the World Cup referees and said that in future they must all be professional and be able to speak English.

Blatter said referees and linesmen should be two different categories and must all become professionals by the 1998 World Cup.

Speaking in an interview today in the Italian sports daily Gazzetta Dello Sport, Blatter said Fifa had made much greater efforts to prepare adequate referees for the 1990 World Cup than previous editions.

But he added: Clearly it was not enough. We must do much more in terms of physical preparation and uniformity

in judgement... soccer has evolved enormously both athletically and tactically and the referees have not been able to keep up with the times.

Blatter said that at future World Cups the number of referees should be reduced so they supervised more games and they must be able to speak English.

Blatter, one of the most powerful men

in world soccer, said repeated problems with refereeing during the World Cup had been partly his fault, "because I underestimated the problem."

He said the bigger soccer federations, starting with Italy, must lead the way in making all their referees professional.

"Everybody in soccer today is a professional."

UEFA lifts ban on English clubs

Villa, United to play in Europe

GENEVA, July 10, (Reuters): The European Football Union (UEFA) said today it had lifted unconditionally a ban on English soccer clubs competing in Europe with immediate effect.

"We have decided after extensive discussions to bring back Aston Villa and Manchester United," UEFA president Len-

nart Johansson told reporters after a meeting of the UEFA executive committee in Geneva.

"They will be in the competition as of now... the only restrictions are those we place on any club, there is nothing specific to say."

He said League champions Liverpool remained banned for a

further three years from today.

English clubs have been barred from Europe since 1985 after a European cup final riot involving Liverpool supporters at Brussels's Heysel Stadium in which 39 people were killed, most of them fans of Italian club Juventus.

English Football Association

(FA) chairman Bert Millichip formally applied to have the ban lifted and also presented a report prepared by British Sports Minister Colin Moynihan.

"It is exactly what I had hoped for," Millichip said of Moynihan's report. He said he had presented the committee with a three-page letter from Moynihan accompanied by 15 pages of supplementary information.

"He (Moynihan) has said he doesn't think the ban is justified," Millichip said.

Moynihan said in London that he would still like English fans to be banned from travelling to what he called sensitive matches and called for tough policing to prevent hooliganism.

Liverpool's extra three-year ban was imposed in 1985 and was always due to begin when other English clubs were allowed back into Europe.

Millichip told reporters the FA had not yet asked UEFA to reduce or lift that ban.

FA Cup winners Manchester United will be included in tomorrow's draw for the European Cup Winners' Cup while Aston Villa, runners up to Liverpool in the English League, will take part in the UEFA Cup.

"It's great, not just for United but for British football really, that English clubs are back in," England and Manchester United

skipper Bryan Robson said from his home in Manchester.

United were the first English team to play in a European competition, reaching the semifinals of the European Cup in 1957 before taking the title in 1968.

Villa won the European Cup in 1982 while Liverpool have taken the title four times.

Johansson said he was delighted to have the English clubs back next season. "I think isolation is not a good thing either for English football or for European football," he said.

"English fans are no worse than others, it's just we have focused on them."

Asked repeatedly if any conditions had been imposed on the English clubs, he said that any measures deemed necessary would be taken by the English.

He said that the issue of Liverpool had not been discussed by the executive committee but that if the English return proved successful, the FA would seek to reduce the three-year ban at the end of the coming season.

In West Germany, Joerg Berger, trainer of UEFA Cup entrants Eintracht Frankfurt, said: "They should give the English fans a chance at rehabilitation. As far as sport is concerned, the decision is right, especially when you consider how well England did in the World Cup."



A Juventus fan who got hit at the Heysel Stadium



The Heysel tragedy: one of the dead being carried away

Make Maradona honorary citizen: Naples

Argentines get heroes' welcome

BUENOS AIRES, July 10, (Reuters): Argentina's World Cup soccer squad returned to a tumultuous heroes' welcome yesterday despite losing 1-0 to West Germany in the Rome final on Sunday.

Tens of thousands of jubilant fans packed the square outside the Casa Rosada (Pink House) government house, setting off fireworks, waving blue and white Argentine flags and chanting "Argentina Argentina" as the team arrived from Buenos Aires' international airport.

A caravan of cars, trucks and buses accompanied the team's coaches for hours as they crawled the 25 kilometres (15 miles) from the airport to the city centre. The crush of well-wishers blocked the main highway, forcing the motorcade to weave through side streets.

Soccer enthusiast President Carlos Menem missed part of yesterday's Independence Day celebrations in order to greet the players as they arrived at the Casa Rosada.

Menem stood alongside captain Diego Maradona as the team waved to the sea of delirious fans from the balcony where four years earlier Argentina's World Cup champion team had celebrated its victory at the Mexico finals.

Earlier Menem had urged supporters to give the team a special welcome.

Banners hoisted above the cheering crowd read: "Thank you champions" and "Champions, you did it all for the country."

"Codesal, robber" proclaimed others, referring to Mexican referee Edgardo Codesal who awarded West Germany the controversial penalty that led to the winning goal.

Codesal's handling of the match, in which two Argentine players were sent off, was bitterly criticised in yesterday's newspapers.

La Nacion daily wrote: "The national side suffered because of Mexican referee Edgardo Codesal, who awarded a non-existent penalty and sent off Monzon and Dezotti."

Argentines interviewed by radio and television all condemned the referee. President Menem said Codesal had not been up to the occasion.

"The referee was a disaster. He should stick to medicine and not football," said Menem, referring to Codesal's profession as a gynaecologist.

Naples City councillors have



Argentina's fans hold national flags and picture of Maradona. (Reuters wirephoto)

proposed making Maradona an honorary citizen of the southern Italian port, where he also captains League champions Napoli.

Antonio Cantalamessa said today that the proposal, prompted by hostility towards Maradona during the World Cup, had already been presented to the Naples mayor.

"It was shameful the way the Argentine national anthem was whistled at in northern Italian stadiums and also during the final in Rome," Cantalamessa said.

"It is equally shameful that a great champion was tormented merely because he happens to play for Napoli," he added.

Maradona was brought to tears when he was booed and whistled while collecting his runners-up medal after Argentina lost.

He accused an "international soccer mafia" of conspiring to award West Germany the World Cup title and said that returning to Italy could be difficult after his reception during the tournament.

But he added: "I'm not afraid. I'm sure the people of Naples will defend me."

US sports writers condemned Argentina yesterday for turning the World Cup final into a brutal, draft affair and said it had only provided ammunition for critics of soccer in the United States which will host the 1994 tournament.

"They're going to bring this thing to the United States of America in 1994 and charge money for people to see it?" wrote Frank Deford of the National, the US sports daily.

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Manen (right) and Maradona wave to the crowd. (Reuters wirephoto)

Soviets retain chess lead

MANILA, July 10, (Reuters): Three top Soviet players today played quick draws against their opponents to retain their narrow lead in a Manila chess tournament to choose the challengers for the world title in 1993.

Soviets Boris Gelfand, Mikhail Gurevich and Vassily Ivanchuk finished their matches in less than an hour to retain their lead in the tournament with seven points each.

Gelfand and Gurevich settled for a quick draw in 16 moves of a Catalan defence, while Ivanchuk also drew his match with another Soviet player, Sergei Dolmatov, in 13 moves of a French defence.

Ivanchuk sacrificed two pieces to launch a kingside attack when he suddenly offered a draw that was quickly accepted by Dolmatov. "The positive was equal," Dolmatov told reporters.

But British grandmaster Nigel Short and West German chess player Robert Huehner won to move into second spot as the competition headed into the home stretch with only three rounds left to play.

Short was threatening to mate US grandmaster Yasser Seirawan in one move when the American gave up in 33 moves of a Caro-Kann defence.

"I needed that win," said Short.

Huehner defeated Nick de Firmian of the United States in 39 moves of a Nimzo Indian game to share second place with 6.5 points with Short and five other players, including two-time world chess title challenger Viktor Korchol of Switzerland.

The top 11 players in the 13-round Swiss-style competition will qualify for the candidates matches in 1991 to determine who will challenge for the world title now held by Gary Kasparov.

384 soccer fans deported during Cup

ROME, July 10, (Reuters): Italy deported 384 soccer fans for unruly behaviour and refused entry to another 52 as part of its security drive against hooliganism at the World Cup, police chief Vincenzo Parisi said yesterday.

Italy mounted the biggest security operation in the history of the World Cup, mainly to counter potential violence from notorious hooligans among England supporters.

Parisi said it cost 80 billion lire (\$65 million) and involved more than 50,000 police and support staff.

He told a news conference that 284 supporters had been detained during the month-long tournament and 129 of them were charged with various offences.

"Exemplary sentences," were given to 35 of those charged, he added.

Involved

Parisi gave no precise nationality breakdown but almost all the clashes reported involved English, Italian or West German supporters. Parisi said 102 people had been injured, half of them police.

The International Football Federation (Fifa), the Italian government and the local organising committee Italia '90 hailed the operation as a major success.

Fifa general secretary Sepp Blatter said hooligans had heeded a message that "it was not worth coming to Italy to try to cause trouble because Italian police were ready to intervene energetically."

Bush, Kohl discuss Cup

HOUSTON, July 10, (UPI): President George Bush and West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl set aside their agenda for their economic summit talks briefly yesterday to discuss Germany's dramatic 1-0 victory over Argentina in the World Cup soccer in Rome.

Bush, himself a soccer player as well as a first baseman at Yale University, greeted German leader at his Houstonian hotel in Germany, saying "Willkommen," and "Hail the champions of football," later adding "world champions."

There was more small talk about soccer when the bilateral discussions opened.

"Helmut," Bush said, "I don't know how good your intelligence is there in the Soviet Union... Germany... but you don't know you are sitting across from a former soccer player from college, on his college team, the Eastern Intercollegiate champions at Yale University."

Australia start 12-game tour of New Zealand

WELLINGTON, July 10, (Reuters): An Australian rugby union team played by injury arrived in New Zealand today for a demanding 12-match tour that includes three Tests against the world champion All Blacks.

The tour is one of the most arduous faced by visitors to New Zealand, with the Wallabies taking on six First Division provincial teams from the north of New Zealand — the country's rugby power base.

Australian coach Boh Dwyer is not thinking beyond the first two matches against Waikato tomorrow and New Zealand provincial champions Auckland on Saturday.

"Auckland are way out by themselves and Waikato ran them close recently, so I'll just be happy to get over those games first," Dwyer said in Brisbane yesterday.

"I'm not even thinking about the Bledisloe Cup trophy."

The two countries compete annually for the Bledisloe Cup, currently held by New Zealand.

Australia and New Zealand have just emerged from home series wins over France and Scotland respectively, but neither team will be complacent going into this series.

Australia, with a mixture of youth and experience, had to leave two players behind on the eve of the tour with injuries. Exciting teen-age centre Jason Little and loose forward David Wilson both fractured ankles in Australia's 67-9 win over the United States on Sunday.

New Zealand is unbeaten in 21 Test matches since touring France in 1986.

Pensec captures overall Tour lead



Swiss customs officials applaud as the cyclists cross the Swiss border on Monday. (Reuters wirephoto)

MONT BLANC, France, July 10, (AP): Roman Pensec celebrated his 27th birthday by capturing the overall lead in the Tour de France today, replacing Steve Bauer who finished almost two minutes behind the Frenchman in the 10th stage.

Thierry Claveyrollet of France won the 118.5-kilometre (78.5-mile) stage from Geneva, Switzerland, to Mont Blanc — the highest peak in Europe — finishing two minutes and 28 seconds ahead of a pack that included Pensec and 1988 winner Pedro Delgado of Spain.

Pensec's finish gave him a 50-second lead over Italy's Claudio Chiappucci and a one-minute-and-21-second advantage over

Bauer, who dropped to third after entering the stage with a 17-second lead over Pensec.

Mexican Raul Alcala moved up one place to fourth, 7.02 behind Pensec. East Germany's Uwe Ampler was fifth, 9.22 behind and Guido Winterberg of Switzerland was sixth, 9.51 behind.

The stage was marked by three difficult climbs, including the final one up to 1,400 metres (almost 4,600 feet).

Claveyrollet broke away early and made a solitary effort for the stage victory.

Delgado will be hot favourite to shine in tomorrow's time trial, which he won in 1988.



Manen (right) and Maradona wave to the crowd. (Reuters wirephoto)

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